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# News Highlights

## Federal Water Quality Association

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### ***2025-26 Theme - Approaching a Century of Protecting the Nation's Water***

## Recognizing 2026 FWQA Scholarship & Science Fair Winners:

About 35 people attended the FWQA's annual awards luncheon on May 14th at the Elephant & Castle Restaurant in Washington DC to recognize the talented scholarship and science fair winners. Keynote presenter Adam Krantz, the Chief Executive Officer of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies spoke about putting the value of working in the water treatment industry in a very real perspective, and inspired the young awardees to consider undertaking that work. Scholarship winners, sponsors, and judges are featured below. These graduating high school students will be attending colleges this fall in curriculums related to advancing protection of public and the environment. Science Fair winners and judges are featured on the next page.

THANK YOU to this year's judging committee Jan Goodwin (FWQA & EPA, retired), Jim Wheeler (FWQA & EPA, retired) and Sharon Nye (FWQA) for their hard work, and especially to our sponsors – this program wouldn't be possible without you!

### **Sponsors:**

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HONORING THE 2026 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES:  
BARBER SCHOLARSHIP  
-ARUNI VELURI (WILLIAM AND MARY)  
KEN KIRK SCHOLARSHIP -  
JULIANNE ELAM (TUFTS UNIVERSITY)  
OLEM SCHOLARSHIP -  
EMILY NOH (GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY)  
PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP-  
CLARE HOMER (BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY)  
MCCALLUM SCHOLARSHIP -  
SOLVEIG WARTCHOW (UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH)



# 2026 Regional Science Fair Winners

FWQA member Dylan Owens did an outstanding job organizing the judging at the local middle and high school Science Fairs, and presenting awards to those who attended the Awards lunch. (see picture below) Thanks to our many judges for their time and efforts, and congratulations to the following first place winners:

## **Prince William County and Manassas City Schools**

### **Judges:**

Jack Kooyoomjian  
Clancy McQuigg  
Bob Forgione

### **Individual & Team First Place Winners:**

James Kim & Abad Safwan, Osborn Park High School

## **Northern Virginia**

### **Judges:**

Janet Goodwin  
Susi Ricker

### **Individual & Team First Place Winners:**

Kylie Carpenter, Yorktown High School  
Amelia Pearson, Swanson Middle School  
Everett Mercer & Riley Kiss, George Washington Middle School

## **Fairfax County**

### **Judges:**

Janet Goodwin  
Susu Ricker  
Joe Ford

### **Individual & Team First Place Winners:**

Avery Miller, Potomac School  
Srikar Adundi & Jaden Ryu, Chantilly High School

## **Loudon County**

### **Judges:**

Janet Goodwin  
Susi Ricker  
Charles Egharevba  
Andrew Stoddard

### **Individual & Team First Place Winners:**

Lily Lehmbeck, Woodgrove High School  
Carly Franzen & Nola Capritta, Woodgrove High School

## **Montgomery County**

### **Judges:**

Christian Davies Venn  
Ken Foo  
Nicole Forney

### **Individual & Team First Place Winners:**

Dohyoung Kim, Montgomery Blair High School  
Hoanvi Karmati & Hallie Wells

## **Prince George's County**

### **Judges:**

Kate Lamkin

### **Individual & Team First Place Winners:**

Diana Wyman, Great Mills High School  
Gabriela Panchetto, Accokeek Academy (Middle School)  
Gabriela & Gladys Duarte Reyes, High Point High School

