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ROPER MOUNTAIN SCIENCE CENTER ANNOUNCES REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

GREENVILLE, April 26, 2012 - Roper Mountain Science Center awarded prizes for the *Greenville County & SC Regional Science and Engineering Fair* on April 10, 2012 at a ceremony held in the Symmes Hall of Science at Roper Mountain Science Center.

Gregory Wilson from Riverside High School won First Place in the Senior Division (grades 9 – 12) with his project, “Look Ma, No Hands: A Study of Control Systems for Autonomous Vehicles.” Gregory was also awarded the Charles Townes’ Award recognizing academic excellence in research by a high school student. Other top winners in the Senior Division were: 2nd place: Zachary Morgan, Greenville Tech Charter High School, 3rd place Richard Li, Southside High School and 4th place Deepti Athavale, Southside High School.

Top projects from the senior division were also selected to represent the Greenville County & SC Regional Science & Engineering Fair at a Poster Session held at the annual meeting of the South Carolina Junior Academy of Science on April 14, 2012. Nominees were: Deepti Athavale, Southside High School, Mohit Gandhi, Southside High School, Richard Li, Southside High School, Zachary Morgan, Greenville Tech Charter High School, Shelby Stuff, Greenville Tech Charter High School, Gregory Wilson, Riverside High School and Brendan Williams, Southside High School.

In the Junior Division (grades 6 – 8), **Noah Dammers of Beck Academy** won First Place for his project “Go With the Flow.” Noah was also awarded the Directors’ Award recognizing academic excellence in science and engineering by a middle school student. The Directors’ Award, given in honor of former Science Fair Directors Drs. Fairbanks and Southern, is sponsored by Dr. Dale Buchanan, winner of the 1973 Upper State SC Science Fair. Other top winners in the Junior Division were: 2nd place: Hasna Karim, Langston Charter Middle School; 3rd place: Anish Chaluvadi, Langston Charter Middle School; 4th place: Rowan Crowley, Hughes Academy.

The Greenville County & SC Regional Science and Engineering Fair took place on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at the TD Convention Center. Students from 29 schools presented over 200 projects, which were judged by local experts from businesses, universities and professional organizations. The Science Fair is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Greenville.



Gregory Wilson, Riverside High School
First Place – High School



Noah Dammers, Beck Academy
First Place – Middle School