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Winners of New Mexico's First-Ever Excellence in STEM Awards Announced

Albuquerque-Students, teachers and other New Mexicans doing remarkable things in science, technology, engineering and math education will be honored at the state's first Excellence in STEM Awards, aka The STEMYS, on Feb. 23 at Hotel Albuquerque.

The Air Force Research Laboratory Tech Engagement Office developed the STEMYS as a way to celebrate the importance of STEM education and its impact on New Mexico by honoring those students, teachers, schools, businesses and others who demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to, and advocacy of, STEM Learning.

"There are a lot of great things happening in New Mexico in regards to STEM, and we wanted to highlight those efforts," said Matt Fetrow, Director of the AFRL Tech Engagement Office. "Getting more students involved in STEM and prepared for the jobs of the future is critical to our state. We applaud the commitment of this year's winners and nominees, and hope they will serve as inspiration for others"

This year's winners were selected from nominations from around the state. Individual winners will receive \$1,500 awards.

2018 STEMYS Winners:

Student of the Year K-8:
Student of the Year 9-12:
Student Team of the Year 9-12:

Educator of the Year K-8:
Educator of the Year 9-12:
School of the Year:
Business of the Year:
Non-Profit of the Year:
Advisor or Coach of the Year:
Mentor of the Year:
Outstanding Community Partner:

Evelyn McIndoo-Desert Ridge MS
Xander Jones-Navajo Prep
Gilbert Carrillo, Stephanie Ledesma,
Tyler Pittman-West Mesa HS
Jim Sauer-Magdalena MS
Jaime Silva-Moriarty HS
Shining Stars Preschool-Rio Rancho
Intel
STEM Santa Fe
Creighton Edington
Annette Hatch
Explora



Nationally recognized “Science Bob” Plfugfelder will be delivering the STEMY’S dinner keynote address and live science demonstrations like those he’s done on “The Today Show”, “Jimmy Kimmel Live!” and the “Dr. Oz Show.”

The STEM fun continues the next day with Super STEM Saturday hosted by AFRL NM Tech Engagement and several sponsors. Super STEM Saturday is a hands-on science experiment and demonstration fair that is free and open to the public. It will take place from 9:00am-noon at Innovate ABQ, 101 Broadway NE.

“Science Bob” will be headlining Super STEM Saturday, and will also be on hand to sign his children books. Many local STEM organizations and businesses will offer hands-on activities as well as large science demonstrations. There will also be food trucks, face painting, and visits from Star Wars characters and the Albuquerque Isotopes’ Orbit.

For more information, log onto www.afrlnewmexico.com

About the AFRL Tech Engagement Office:

The AFRL Tech Engagement Office handles tech transfer/commercialization and STEM education outreach programs for Air Force Research Lab New Mexico. These programs are administered through agreements with various partners, including New Mexico Tech University and the University of New Mexico.

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