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California State Science Fair Results

The California State Science Fair is the final science fair of the academic year for students throughout the State of California in grades 6-12, [serving California's future scientists since 1952](#). It is hosted by the [California Science Center](#) (formerly, the California Museum of Science and Industry).

The 58th annual California State Science Fair was held on May 18-19, 2009; 965 participants from 374 schools throughout the State competed for awards totaling over \$50,000.

The following students from Fresno County earned special recognition.

Dr. Ibrahim El-Hefni Achievement in Science Award—For projects best representing the excellence of California's youth in science studies. (Award: \$500) Presented by the Dr. Ibrahim El-Hefni Technical Training Foundation.

Award: J2122, Mike M. Pilegard, Fresno County

Excellence in Agricultural Award—For the projects that best explore the industry that makes California the state that feeds the world, the \$31 billion agriculture industry. (Award: \$1,000 US Savings Bond) Presented by the California Association of Pest Control Advisors.

Junior Division: J2013, Christopher Weddington, Fresno County

Coastal Science Award—For the best project in the Junior Division on coastal science and/or engineering, addressing problems or providing new solutions or technology to coastal and ocean issues. (Award: \$250 and membership in CSBPA, California Chapter) Presented by the California Shore & Beach Preservation Association.

Award: J1016, Daniel (D.J.) R. Freeman, Jr., Fresno County

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In addition to the special recognition awards, the following students placed in their category at the California State Science Fair.

Name	School	City	Place	Category
Nicholas K. Davis	Clovis West High School	Fresno	1	Biochemistry/ Molecular Biology
Saira Delgado	Sanger Academy Charter School	Sanger	5	Cognitive Science
Diego A. Denis-Arrue	Liddell (Norman) Elementary	Fresno	5	Product Science (Biological)
Matthew Estrada	Sanger High School	Sanger	2	Earth Science
Robbie E. Gray	Sanger Academy Charter School	Sanger	2	Plant Biology
Charlie J. Hughes	Sanger Academy Charter School	Sanger	3	Product Science (Biological)
Bethany J. Johnson,	St. Anthony's School	Fresno	3	Human Biology
Kevin R. Kaufmann	Clovis High School	Clovis	4	Microbiology
Adam D. Nitido,	Buchanan (Floyd B.) High School	Clovis	4	Pharmacology
Mike M. Pilegard,	Central Valley Home School	Kingsburg	2	Product Science (Biological)
Marissa A. Salinas	Sanger Academy Charter School	Sanger	5	Microbiology
Christopher W.Weddington,	Fairmont Elementary School	Sanger	1	Plant Biology

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