

Sheldon Middle School and High School students wrapped up another successful year at the State Science and Technology Fair of Iowa (SSTFI) on March 27 and 28. The SSTFI was held on March 27 and 28 at Hilton Coliseum on the Iowa State University Campus in Ames, IA. All students had a chance to present their projects to the judges and members of the general public over the course of the two days.

At the Special Awards Ceremony on Thursday evening, Douglas Nilles, took second place in the FFA's Division 5 Plant Sciences. On Friday evening at the Grand Awards Ceremony, Brooke Jonas and Taylor Stellinga finished third in the Junior High Plant Sciences Division. Brooke and Taylor also took third place honors in the 8th grade Biological Science Seminar Competition, a special competition that required them to submit their research for prior consideration to qualify for this competition. Andie DeGroot and Makaiah Vermeer received honorable mention recognition in the Animal Sciences Division. Andie and Makaiah, along with Brooke and Taylor also qualified to have their project entered in the Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge, a nationwide competition for Junior High level research projects.

All students made strides in improving their research prior to competing at the SSTFI, and they all did well in communicating this to the judges. Competing in this academic competition helps students to grow academically and socially. All should be proud of what they accomplished this year with their scientific research. Congratulations.