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Top high school scientists featured in competition at IU Kokomo

KOKOMO, Ind. — Twelve of Indiana’s top high school scientists will compete in the 2012 Indiana Academy of Science Talent Search at Indiana University Kokomo.

The students, who applied for competition during the summer, will present their projects to the judges Friday, October 19, and Saturday, October 20, for a trip to the American Junior Academy of Science, and for scholarships.

Associate Professor Michael Finkler is president of the Indiana Academy of Science, which hosts the competition. Marcia Gillette, senior lecturer, is program director.

The finalists will interview with the judges’ panel Friday, and exhibit their projects Saturday in Hunt Hall, Room 209. Exhibits are open to the public from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30.

The two first place winners and their teacher sponsors will be awarded trips to the American Junior Academy of Science, sponsored by the National Association of Academy of Science and the American Junior Academy of Science, in February in Boston, Mass. Second-place winner will receive a \$600 scholarship, to be used at an Indiana college or university. The third-place winner will receive a \$300 scholarship. All 12 finalists will receive a \$50 stipend for research expenses.

The finalists include: Galen Brown, Raymond Han, Kalina Misiolek, Claire Soisson, and Lauren Strzelecki, John Adams High School, South Bend; Ryan Chung and Emma Sperry, Terre Haute South Vigo High School; Emily Harshman, Lauren Ward, and Brandon Wysong, Northwestern High School, Kokomo; and Kristen Pimpley and Jordan Thurman, Noblesville High School.

Indiana University Kokomo serves north central Indiana.

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