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Kentucky American Water Salutes the 2025 Science Fair Participants and Winners

Lexington, KY., (Feb. 5, 2025) – A total of 580 Fayette County public, private and home-schooled students in grades four through 12 participated in the 40th annual Kentucky American Water Science Fair coordinated by Fayette County Public Schools at Frederick Douglass High School in Lexington on Saturday, Feb. 1. The event included 520 projects judged by approximately 180 professionals as well as hands-on, educational exhibits and demonstrations collectively known as the Discovery Zone.

A total of 141 student projects received awards with six projects receiving special recognition from Kentucky American Water for demonstrating achievement in water science projects. *(See winners list that accompanies this release.)*

Kentucky American Water President Kathryn Nash, Lexington Mayor Linda Gorton and Fayette County Public Schools Superintendent Demetrus Liggins presented awards to students.

Judges evaluated the student projects according to the following categories: animal science, behavioral and social science, biochemistry, cellular and molecular biology, chemistry, computer science, earth and planetary science, energy and transportation, engineering, environmental science, medicine and health science, microbiology, physics and astronomy and plant science.

Kentucky American Water initiated the science fair for junior high school students in 1985 as part of the company's centennial celebration. The next year, the company joined with Fayette County Public Schools in coordinating the event. The fair has been expanded twice: first in 1989 to include elementary school science projects, and again in 1991 to include high school projects. This year's event coincided with the company's 140th anniversary as Lexington's water service provider.

All students who received awards at the district competition will advance to the Central Kentucky Regional Science and Engineering Fair to be held on March 2 at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School in Lexington.

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