ASA Detroit & Ann Arbor Chapters Give Statistical Awards at the 2021 Michigan Science & Engineering Fair
By Karry Roberts, ASA Detroit Chapter Secretary

Our ASA judging team successfully managed to develop a plan and do our judging online from the comfort of our own homes. From March 7 to 9, 2021, we reviewed all 52-state level qualified projects at the Michigan Science & Engineering Fair for our ASA professional awards encouraging the practice and profession of statistics. While we enjoyed reviewing the students’ projects, the Zoom meetings don’t really allow for the usual socialization.

We did individual reviews with a scorecard, then decided together on our award winners. We were looking for good study design, graphical displays, data visualization, use of basic statistical methods, interpretation, and discussion of limitations.

This science fair judging event is a long-standing annual joint chapter activity for the Detroit and Ann Arbor Chapters. Both chapters contributed funds to support monetary awards. All four Michigan Chapters are invited to participate.

This year’s judging team included Lance Heilbrun, Karry Roberts, Bern DeBacker, Frank Murdock, Robert Podolsky, David Corliss, Nahid Keshavarzi, Jennie Jester, and Anamaria Kazanis. Anamaria is a Council of Chapters Representative to the ASA Board of Directors.

We encourage our award winners to continue learning about statistics and applying good statistical practices to your science projects. We want to extend a big thank you to the teachers who teach and encourage these students. We really appreciate you!

**Award of Excellence ($200):**

**Award of Merit ($50):**
- Aaryan Chandna and Mick Gordinier, West Bloomfield High School, West Bloomfield, MI, Teacher: Nicolas Fraylick
- Alexander DeMattei, Mount Pleasant High School, Mount Pleasant, MI, Teacher: Jordan Krell
- Malak Elayyan, Dearborn Center for Math, Science & Technology, Dearborn Heights, MI, Teacher: Jennifer Gorsline
- Jibraan Rahman, Canton High School, Canton, MI, Teacher: Heather Duff
- Zeinab Zreik, Dearborn Center for Math, Science & Technology, Dearborn Heights, MI, Teacher: Jennifer Gorsline

We also gave 9 Certificates of Recognition.

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Pictured on the Zoom screen are award judges (left to right and top to bottom): Lance Heilbrun, Karry Roberts, Bern DeBacker, Frank Murdock, Robert Podolsky, David Corliss, Nahid Keshavarzi, Jennie Jester, Anamaria Kazanis