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Danforth Junior High Students Stand Out at Regional Science Fair

Student's Science Project on Worms Brings Home First Place

Wimberley, Texas, March 4, 2019— Students at Danforth Junior High School love science and they relish a great competition like the Annual Regional Science Fair in Austin. Wimberley ISD competitors stood out among thousands of students throughout Texas. Eighth grade science teacher Bess Reisberg and her team, eighth grade students, Julia Rennels and Ally Bowman, seventh grade students, Lea Martin and Kaitlyn Marinos, and sixth grade student, Maia Martin, made up a small but powerful team.



Maia Martin is all smiles when talking about her very well-executed science fair project—a fourth place winner at the Regional Science Fair in Austin.

“Our Danforth students more than held their own against students from much larger school districts. Ms. Reisberg encourages students to take their passion for science beyond the classroom, and competition in this fair is a great way to challenge them,” said Greg Howard, Danforth Junior High principal.

Marinos won first place in the Animal Sciences category with her project, “Are Worms Healthier with Different Diets?” Maia Martin placed fourth out of 80 entries in the Earth science category. Bowman earned a special certificate recognizing her project from the Austin Watershed Protection Organization.

“It is great to experience so much enthusiasm for science among our students. Being a part of the fair is a great way for them to learn from their peers and share with them everything they have learned through their projects,” said Reisberg.

The students showcased their experiments at the annual Wimberley ISD STEAM Fair on March 2 at Wimberley High School.

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Captions:

Maia—Maia Martin is all smiles when talking about her very well-executed science fair project—a fourth place winner at the Regional Science Fair in Austin.

Lea—Lea Martin, a Danforth Junior High School seventh grade student enjoyed taking her science experiment to the Regional Science Fair in Austin.

Kaitlyn—Kaitlyn Marinos, a first place winner in the Regional Science Fair in Austin, answered a very important question in her science experiment, “Are Worms Healthier with Different Diets?”

Julia & Julia 2—Julia Rennels, Danforth Junior High eighth grade student at the Regional Science Fair and sharing her science experiment with Wimberley Valley Radio 94.1 news reporter, DuAnne Redus at the Wimberley ISD 2019 STEAM Fair.

Ally—Danforth Junior High eighth grade student, Ally Bowman earned a special certificate of recognition from the Austin Watershed Protection Organization for her Regional Science Fair project.

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About Wimberley Independent School District

Nestled in the majestic community of Wimberley, Texas, the Wimberley Independent School District offers the best of both worlds to local families—a small town environment with schools committed to innovation and excellence. WISD campuses include Scudder Primary School for students in PreK-1st grade, Jacobs Well Elementary for students in 2nd-5th grade, Danforth Junior High for students in 6th-8th grade and Wimberley High School, home of the Texans and students in 9th-12th grade. For more information, visit wimberleyisd.net.

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