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## **34<sup>th</sup> Annual Kentucky American Water Science Fair to be held Saturday, Feb. 3**

**Lexington, KY., (January 26, 2018)** - Approximately 700 Fayette County public, private and home-school students in grades four through 12 will compete in the 34th Annual Kentucky American Water Science Fair coordinated by Fayette County Public Schools on Saturday, Feb. 3, at Bryan Station High School in Lexington.

Students participating in the event have either earned advancement to the district fair by receiving honors at their respective schools' science fairs or otherwise earned recognition for their projects to advance to district competition. Project judging will begin in the school's gymnasium at 9 a.m. and will conclude around noon. The more than 650 projects represent a variety of science disciplines, such as chemistry, plant sciences, engineering and physics. Special awards will be presented for outstanding projects involving water and environmental science, too.

The event will also include the Discovery Zone — nearly 40 student-friendly exhibits and hands-on activities open to participants and the general public from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the hallways outside the gymnasium. Many of the Discovery Zone exhibits will celebrate this year's Kentucky American Water Science Fair theme: "Growing our Future, Taking Stock in Science". The exhibits and activities are free.

The science fair awards program will begin at 3 p.m. in the gymnasium. Kentucky American Water Vice President of Operations Kevin Rogers, Fayette County Public Schools Superintendent Manny Caulk and a representative with Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government will present awards.

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“Kentucky American Water is pleased to continue its long-standing support for science education through sponsorship of this event,” said Rogers. “The students participating in the science fair are quite possibly future science, health, engineering and technology leaders. We’re pleased to recognize their hard work and perhaps inspire them to continue their exploration in these fields. The need for science, technology and engineering professionals will continue to be significant well into the future in order to address some of our world’s most significant challenges, so seeing so many students exploring these fields through science fair projects is encouraging.”

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