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DEPS Makes their Presence Known at the 2022 Central New Mexico STEM Research Challenge

ALBUQUERQUE, NM, April 22- The Directed Energy Professional Society (DEPS) is thrilled to announce the student and teacher award winners from the 2022 Central New Mexico STEM Research Challenge that took place in Albuquerque, NM March 23-26. DEPS donated a total of \$1,500 in cash prizes to students and teachers who focused their efforts on DE related projects.

The Central NM STEM Research Challenge is a three division (elementary, middle and high school), multiple category regional student competition of science and engineering projects.

The six outstanding student DEPS award winners are Isaac Yang, Junior at Albuquerque Institute for Math & Science (AIMS); Luke Teeter, 6th grader at Holy Child Catholic School; Mia Roybal, Sophomore at AIMS; Charlie Groves, 8th grader at Jefferson Middle School; Krishang Mody and Paul Padilla, Juniors at AIMS; and Seviana Monforte, 8th grader at The ASK Academy.

The five teachers that were awarded cash prizes in support of these students and their projects are Reginald Tyler of AIMS, Philip Watje of AIMS, Lisa Sanchez of Holy Child Catholic School, Steve Kaestner of Jefferson Middle School, and Carol Donlin of the ASK Academy.

A big thank you to the DEPS members who served as judges for the event: Phil Macklin, MZA; Don Seeley, Blue Halo; Dr. J. Mark DelGrande, Verus Research; Mark Neice, DEPS; and Dr. Diana Loree, DE JTO.

A full list of award winners and their projects can be found at <https://stemed.unm.edu/stem-rc-winners>.

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