

LOCAL STUDENTS EXCEL IN REGIONAL SCIENCE FESTIVAL

Two Eanes ISD students – Westlake junior Matthew Chang and West Ridge student Nicholas Neighbors – were honored at the recent Austin Energy Regional Science Festival. The Festival, which encourages and rewards innovative student research, is officially affiliated with the ExxonMobil Science and Engineering Fair.

Matthew Chang
Best in Fair
Senior Division



Matthew was one of three Best of Fair winners (Senior Division, Junior Division, Team). This honor means he has earned the right to advance directly to the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in San Jose, Calif., in May, bypassing state competition. His project was titled “Off-line Character Recognition Using Vector Trained Artificial Neural Networks.” Matthew took college-level research and applied further investigation to develop a more effective technique for character recognition in computer scanned programs. Other awards he received are: First Place in Computer Science, BAE Systems Sensor Integration Award, Intel Excellence in Computer Science, and the Yale Science and Engineering Association Award.

Nick Neighbors, as team leader with his team member Gus Bates, created and exhibited a project that was judged first among all projects in the junior division for all the Team category in Physical Sciences. Their project, “Magnetodynamics - Is It Possible to Design, Engineer and Construct a Novel Magnetic Array?,” now advances to the ExxonMobil Texas Science and Engineering Fair in San Antonio In April.



Team Leader Nicholas Neighbors on right
Team members Gus Bates on left
First Place, TEAM Physical Sciences
Junior Division