



CREATIVE LEARNING ACADEMY

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Creative Learning Academy Wins at State Science Olympiad

Creative Learning Academy students took home several awards from the state Science Olympiad competition held at the University of Central Florida on Saturday, March 19th. The middle school students from CLA competed against 41 other teams in their division. They placed in the following categories:

Crime Busters - 1st place Luke Beiswenger and Luca Benny
Disease Detectives - 2nd place Davyn Pan and Nicholas Skoufis
Anatomy and Physiology - 3rd place Sami Humeda and Mehul Kapur
Fast Facts - 2nd place Nicholas Skoufis and Sami Humeda
Experimental Design - 2nd place Luca Benny, Nicholas Skoufis, and Sami Humeda
Food Science - 2nd Place Nicholas Skoufis and Luca Benny

“I enjoy participating in a competition like this because it gives us an opportunity to prove our knowledge in the STEM subjects. We worked long hours, several days a week to prepare for this event. It feels great to have that work pay off!” says eighth grader, Luke Beiswenger.

This is CLA’s third year competing in Science Olympiad. “Our team has grown each year and we are very proud of our students accomplishments at the Olympiad, says Head of School, Dana DeYoung. Their success is a reflection of a comprehensive science program. It is intrinsic in their educational experience at CLA.”

Cathy Niemeyer, CLA’s Middle School Science Teacher says she is proud of her students continued success. “Our middle school science program stresses the use of the Scientific Method and encourages methods to accurately record both quantitative and qualitative observations during experimentation. Being able to analyze and think critically, as well as being both creative and open-minded, are all hallmarks of becoming a successful scientist.” says Niemeyer.

The goal of Science Olympiad is to improve the quality of science education through competitions similar to sporting events. For more information about Creative Learning Academy preschool through eighth grade, contact Marilyn Smith, Development Director at msmith@creativelearningacademy.org.

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