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ACADEMY OF SCIENCE NAMES OHIO STEM EXEMPLARS
81 professionals from 38 counties included

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Columbus (January 11, 2016) ... The Ohio Academy of Science has selected additional Believe in Ohio STEM Exemplars who embody believing in Ohio from a science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) workforce perspective. These 81 Ohioans will serve as role models for students to encourage them to pursue STEM careers and become entrepreneurs and innovators. Honorees are graduates of Ohio high schools, have attended higher education in Ohio or elsewhere, and are now gainfully employed or retired in a STEM field in Ohio.

“The Believe in Ohio Exemplars have shown success in various STEM professions (agriculture, aviation and aerospace, communication and information technology, etc.), and they demonstrate the career possibilities available right here in Ohio,” said Stephen J. McConoughey, PhD, CEO of The Ohio Academy of Science and Co-Director of Believe in Ohio. “Believe in Ohio builds on student research while also developing additional skills needed in highly technical jobs. This program takes work-force development one step further by also serving to create future jobs in Ohio through **entrepreneurship** and **innovation**,” he continued.

Believe in Ohio is a student STEM entrepreneurship program of The Ohio Academy of Science, in cooperation with Entrepreneurial Engagement Ohio, and funded by The Ohio General Assembly through The Ohio Board of Regents. This program encourages Ohio’s next generation to pursue their futures in Ohio by inventing products and services through the application of science, technology, engineering.

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City	Exemplar	Employer	Job Title
Ada	Prof. Terry D Keiser	Ohio Northern University	Director of University Sustainability
Ada	Dr. Robert K McAfee	Ohio Northern University	Assistant Professor of Human Anatomy
Akron	Mr. David M Westfall	Goodyear	Service Owner, Communications & Collab
Barberton	Ms. Lisa M Rimpf	Babcock & Wilcox	Environmental Technology Research Lead
Berlin Center	Mrs. Lori A Martinelli	Parker Hannifin Corporation	Staff Program Manager Senior II
Brecksville	Mr. Paul Chaffee	Software Answers, Inc	CEO
Broadview Hts	Mr. Richard J Megesi	Lumitex Inc.	Design Engineer
Brook Park	Ms. Ann O Heyward	Ohio Aerospace Institute	Executive Vice President
Brooklyn	Mr. Peter S Bode	Cuyahoga River Restoration	Cuyahoga River Watershed Coordinator
Brooklyn Hts	Dr. Ryan M Paul	GrafTech International Holdings Inc.	Innovation & Technology Manager
Celina	Mr. James A Wiechart	Mercer County Engineer	Mercer County Engineer
Centerburg	Dr. William D Urban	North Central State College	Professor of Chemistry/Biology
Chillicothe	Mrs. Alison Lake	Fluor-BWXT	Environmental Scientist
Cincinnati	Dr. Joshua B Benoit	University of Cincinnati	Assistant Professor
Cincinnati	Dr. Steven C Wendelken	US EPA	Analytical Chemist
Cincinnati	Mr. Brian Williamson	Butler County Health Department	Chief of Environmental Services
Cleveland	Dr. Paula J Dempsey	NASA Glenn Research Center	Research Mechanical Engineer
Cleveland	Mr. Jonathan S Litt	NASA Glenn Research Center	Control Systems Engineer
Cleveland	Ms. Nicole Smith	NASA Glenn Research Center	Senior Project Manager
Cleveland	Mr. Robert Sopko	Case Western Reserve University	Director CWRU Blackstone LaunchPad
Cleveland	Mrs. Angela M Whitman	Cleveland Clinic	Nurse Manager
Clyde	Mr. Gerald J Phillips	Clyde High School	Teacher: STEM & Construction Technology
Columbus	Dr. Michael Dickens	Battelle Memorial Institute	Vice President, Applied Genomics/Biology
Columbus	Ms. Melissa J Dixon	Battelle Memorial Institute	Director, IT Strategy
Columbus	Mr. Haskell J Fought	Battelle Memorial Institute	Research Leader
Columbus	Dr. Lena M Furci	Battelle Memorial Institute	Director, Applied Genomics Strategic
Columbus	Ms. Amy Garrett	Novella Clinical	SAS Data Programmer
Columbus	Ms. Sally C Griffiths	Battelle Memorial Institute	Manager Production Services
Columbus	Mrs. Katie Hardin	Battelle Memorial Institute	Research Scientist
Columbus	Dr. Srinivas Sai A Kondapalli	The Ohio State University	Assistant Professor/Fellow
Columbus	Ms. Lisa A McCauley	Battelle Memorial Institute	VP and GM, Cyber Innovation
Columbus	Mrs. Carol G Riffle	Battelle Memorial Institute	Operations Manager
Columbus	Mr. Douglas J Turner	Battelle Memorial Institute	Researcher
Columbus	Mr. David L White	Battelle Memorial Institute	Chief Information Officer
Coshocton	Ms. Emily G Adams	The Ohio State University	OSU Extension Educator
Dayton	Dr. Leann Poston	Wright State Boonshoft School of Medicine	Assistant Dean
Delaware	Mr. Andy Halter	NRC Engineering	Engineer
Doylestown	Mr. Gary Lanik	NASA Glenn Research Center	Electrical Controls Automation Engineer
Dublin	Dr. Bridget M Protus	HospiScript, an Optum Company	Director of Drug Information
Dublin	Mr. Brian Riley	Horizon Telcom	Vice President of Technology
East Cleveland	Mr. Thomas A Knapp	GE Lighting	Lead Design Engineer
Elyria	Dr. Steven Hubbard	Lorain County Community College	Associate Professor

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Galena	Ms. Erin R Ulrich	Otterbein University	Laboratory Coordinator
Galion	Ms. Stephanie L Zmuda	Galion City Health Department	Environmental Health Director
Hebron	Dr. Joseph D Conroy	Ohio Dept. Natural Resources, Div. Wildlife	Fisheries Biologist
Highland Hts	Ms. Roberta M Murnyack	Steris Corporation	Engineer Manager
Hudson	Dr. Amy Milsted	University of Akron	Professor Emeritus
Hudson	Mrs. Valerie Moga	Hudson City School District	Computer Science Teacher
Huron	Mr. Benjamin P Steinmetz	Ventra Plastics Sandusky	Automation Engineer
Logan	Mrs. Dawna J Evans	Hocking Valley Community Hospital	Pharmacy Director
London	Mrs. Devonie Herdeman	Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation	Forensic Scientist
Mansfield	Dr. Stewart D Ryckman	Richland County	Coroner
Mason	Mr. Timothy J Finn	Hi-Tek Manufacturing	Manufacturing Engineer
Medina	Mr. Nathan Klettinger	Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics	R&D Engineer
Medina	Mr. Anthony J Schaffeld	BWX Technologies Inc.	Materials Engineer
Mentor	Mr. Daniel J Lieb	FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Corp	Nuclear Engineer IV -Senior Mech Eng
Mentor	Mr. Berney Montavon	GE Lighting	Edison Engineer
Miamisburg	Mr. Matthew A Shomper	X-spine Systems, Inc.	Lead Project Engineer
New Bremen	Ms. Tonja J Rammel	Crown Equipment Corporation	Environmental, Health and Safety Manager
New Concord	Dr. Lois A Zook-Gerdau	Muskingum University	Associate Professor of Chemistry
New Philadelphia	Miss. Katie Seward	Tuscarawas County Health Department	Health Commissioner
Norwalk	Mr. Christopher M Jackson	Norwalk City Schools	Teacher
Pickerington	Ms. Brandy Kellom	Battelle Memorial Institute	Research Scientist
Polk	Mr. Mark C Andress	Retired	
Salem	Mr. Richard D Setty RS	Salem City Health District	Health Commissioner
Springfield	Dr. David W Miller	Clark State	Professor
Tipp City	Mr. Mark E DeBruin	Flowserve Corporation	Supplier Development Manager
Tipp City	Mr. David L Dunaway	Ramco Electric Motors, Inc.	President - CEO
Tipp City	Mr. Tim E Heitkamp	Apex Tool Group	Engineering Supervisor R&D
Tipp City	Ms. Sarah E Jordan	Emerson	Materials Manager
Toledo	Mr. Elliott Lawrence	The Ohio State University	Extension Educator
Upper Sandusky	Mr. Matthew L Vanderpool	Bridgestone APM	Project Engineer
Utica	Mr. Casey J Tucker	Central Ohio Technical College	Adjunct Instructor
Wadsworth	Mr. Kip Shipley	Wadsworth City Schools	Engineering CTE Teacher
Wapakoneta	Mr. Oliver N Fisher	Auglaize County Health Department	Health Commissioner
West Chester	Mr. Brian Loudin	Procter & Gamble	Principal Scientist
West Jefferson	Dr. Katherine A.B. Knostman	Battelle Memorial Institute	Veterinary Pathologist
Westerville	Mrs. Tara L Grove	Otterbein University	Environmental Health & Safety Officer
Westlake	Ms. Jennifer E Norton	Westlake Porter Public Library	STEAM Librarian
Wilmington	Dr. Angela D Mitchell	Wilmington College	Associate Professor
Wooster	Dr. Melissa Seifried	Cleveland Clinic	Physician - Pediatrics