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2022 New Mexico Excellence in STEM Winners Announced

ALBUQUERQUE-The Air Force Research Lab Tech Engagement Office is pleased to announce the winners of the 2022 Excellence in STEM Awards, aka the STEMYS. The annual awards honor students, teachers, volunteers and other New Mexicans doing great things in science, technology, engineering and math education. This is the event’s 5th year.

“Congratulations to all of this year’s STEMY winners! As always, it was hard to narrow down the field of nominations as there are so many deserving New Mexicans and organizations across the state doing amazing things in STEM,” Matt Fetrow, Director of the AFRL Tech Engagement Office said. “This year’s winners have all demonstrated commitment to STEM education in their own special way, and we can’t wait to honor them.”

The winners will be celebrated at a ceremony on Thursday, June 9, 2022 at Q Station in Albuquerque. In addition to the awards, some category winners will receive \$1,500.

2022 STEMY Winners:

| Category | Winner | School/Organization |
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| Student K-8 | Tobias Romero | LBJ Middle School |
| Student 9-12 | Lia Wilford | Navajo Prep |
| Student 9-12 | Logan Slimp | nex+Gen Academy |
| Educator K-8 | Holly Rivera | Holy Ghost Catholic School |
| Educator 9-12 | Marie Booth | East Mountain High School |
| Higher Ed | Horticulture Program | Central New Mexico College |
| Advisor/Coach | Zac Van Note | First Robotics |
| Mentor | Lina Germann | STEM Santa Fe |
| Non-Profit | 4-H | |
| Business | Virgin Galactic | |
| Rising Star | Sienna Mascarenas | Miss New Mexico 2021 |
| Lifetime Achievement | Ellen Loehman | |



About the AFRL Tech Engagement Office:

The AFRL Tech Engagement Office handles tech transfer/commercialization and STEM education outreach programs for Air Force Research Lab New Mexico. These programs are administered through agreements with various partners, including New Mexico Tech University, the University of New Mexico, the New Mexico Trade Alliance and Explora.