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QMS STUDENTS EARN NATIONAL HARDWARE

Two students earn top honours at Canada-Wide Science Fair

June 10, 2024 – Duncan, BC, Canada – Following their Regional Science Fair wins, two QMS students, Zhuola Sun (Grade 10) and Jason Cheng (Grade 11), proudly represented BC & The Yukon at the Canada-Wide Science Fair (CWSF) in Ottawa this past week.

Their busy week included two days of intensive judging, followed by STEM workshops and tours of Ottawa’s iconic museums and landmarks. The duo also had a chance to converse with Jeremy Hansen, Mission Specialist of the Artemis II flight, who is scheduled to make history as the first Canadian to orbit the moon in 2025.

During Thursday’s exciting awards ceremony, Zhuola and Jason’s STEM projects received recognition for their novel discoveries and innovative solutions. Zhuola was recognized with a Gold Medal of Excellence in the Intermediate Category and the Challenge Award for Energy. Along with her golden achievement, Zhuola has been awarded \$9,000 worth of entrance scholarships from Mount Allison University and Western University.

"Participating in the Canada-Wide Science Fair was an incredible experience," shares Zhuola. "It was inspiring to see so many innovative projects and meet other young scientists who are passionate about making a difference. CWSF wasn't just a competition; we got to tour Ottawa, trade pins with other finalists, and take part in labs and workshops. I highly recommend people get involved in science fairs."

The recognition did not end there as classmate, Jason was awarded a Bronze Medal of Excellence in the Senior Category. As a senior Bronze Medalist, Jason was offered entrance scholarships totaling \$6,500 from Western University, Carleton University, University of Ottawa and Mount Allison University.

"The Canada-Wide Science Fair was a valuable opportunity to connect with science fair finalists from across the country," says Jason. "It was beyond inspiring to see so many innovations and novel findings by fellow young scientists. I am thrilled to have brought our school's STEM acumen to the national stage and to be recognized among so many incredible projects."

Building off their successes this year, these trailblazers hope that their achievements will motivate younger students to take part in STEM projects and showcase their curiosity through science fairs.



Photo: Zhuola Sun and Jason Cheng earned gold and bronze medals (respectively) for their outstanding science projects at the recent Canada-West Science Fair in Ottawa, ON.

About Queen Margaret's School

QMS is an all-gender day and boarding school located in Duncan, BC. Our purpose is to prepare young trailblazers, as no two journeys are the same. With an educational emphasis on experiential learning, innovative thinking, environmental stewardship and sustainability, we live by the value statement: *Be curious. Be kind. Be brave. Be you.*

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