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# MEDIA RELEASE

## Three Students Earn Entry to Canada-Wide Science Fair

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Niagara Catholic is proud to announce that three students from St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Elementary School have earned admission to the Canada-Wide Science Fair this month.

Taylor Perri, a Grade 7 student at the school, won her admission through her gold-medal finish at the Niagara Region Science and Engineering Fair which took place in April with her project, *Which Lotion Works Best to Keep Skin Hydrated?*

Grade 8 students Zoe Taraba-Blair & Alex Diaz Ariza's project, *Does Climate Affect Mushroom Growth?* earned a bronze medal at the local fair. To earn their spot at the national event, the girls participated in three sessions of engineering workshops led by Brock students majoring in science, neuroscience, and engineering. They have been through one round of judging, including rigorous interviews by two professors, and will be judged again on May 16 and 18.

The Canada-Wide Science Fair was scheduled to take place at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton May 16-20. However, due to COVID-19, the event is being held virtually.

"We are extremely proud of Taylor, Zoe, and Alex for their outstanding accomplishments," said Director of Education Camillo Cipriano. "We wish them a wonderful week participating in the Canada-Wide Science Fair."

### FAST FACTS:

- More than 25,000 students across Canada participate in approximately 100 regional science fairs each year
- 450 students in Grades 7-12 – the top 2% of all science fair participants – are selected from these fairs to participate in the CWSF
- Participants will go through three interviews with experts in STEM as part of the judging process
- The week will also include panel discussions, webinars with colleges and universities, an opportunity to view other submissions and virtual STEM activities at UNB
- Nearly \$1 million in medals, prizes, and sponsorships will be presented at the event