2011 FJAS Annual Meeting
One hundred and twenty-nine FJAS members submitted research papers to the preliminary competition. The team of judges selected 83 papers for the March 12th competition. Sixty-seven students presented their research at Florida Institute of Technology on March 12th. The state competition could not have been possible without the assistance of:

**John Trefry** of FIT for local arrangements
**Florida Institute of Technology** for providing their facilities to FJAS
**Richard Turner** - FAS President

**Judges** from Florida Academy of Sciences, Florida Institute of Technology and other facilities for their time and expertise

**Pine Crest** - Presidential Chapter who provided beverages, moderators and assisted with awards

**Spruce Creek** - Vice Presidential Chapter who provided gifts, moderator, and snacks

**Manatee High** - Secretarial Chapter who prepared registration materials

**Patricia Zalo** for coordinating FJAS

**FJAS sponsors** who encourage, assist, and bring students to the competition

**FJAS members** who submit and present research

**Parents** of FJAS members for their support

During the Business meeting **Spruce Creek** was elected as Presidential Chapter while **Pine Crest** was elected for the Vice Presidential Chapter. Two new chapters, Research Coast and Sarasota were also welcomed to Florida Junior Academy of Science.

Special Awards
FJAS offers some very special awards. Students who compete at FJAS as juniors in high school have the opportunity to present their research at both the **American Junior Academy of Science** (AJAS) and the **American Association for the Advancement of Science** (AAAS) held at the same time. Students who place at FJAS as juniors can compete for a full paid scholarship while other high school students who competed at FJAS can apply for a nomination where they will pay their own expenses. It is an awesome experience.

This past year **Margo Fendrich** of Pine Crest attended AJAS/AAAS in Washington DC. During the Business meeting she shared her experience and encouraged others to attend. This is a unique opportunity for high school students to present at a national scientific conference. There is a special breakfast for just the students to meet and eat with scientists.

The deadline for the application for both the scholarship and nomination are **September 1st**. These applications are available online and listed as “Special Award”. Applications are submitted via email to expedite the forwarding of the applications to the FAS judges who select the scholarship winner and approve nominations. The 2012 AJAS/AAAS will be in Vancouver, Canada.

**LifeStar Foundation**, which has awarded FJAS members cash awards for the past two years, was not able to give the award in 2011.
# Winners at the 2011 Florida Junior Academy of Science Competition

## Middle School Biological
1st Colleen Kane of Stone  
2nd Faris Wasim of Oak Hall  
3rd Silvia Ortiz of Stone  
4th Natalie Barton of Stone

## Middle School Environmental
1st Taylor Stanley of Stone  
2nd Ceili Masterson of Stone  
3rd Suganth Kannan of American Heritage  
4th Nicole Ciar of Stone

## Middle School Physical
1st Merritt Kendzior of Johnson  
2nd Zoe Barbeau of Olivet  
3rd Christopher Graves of Stone  
4th Joseph Nelms of Stone

## High School Biological
1st Lindsey Saunders of Union County  
2nd Deepak Sathyanaran of Spruce Creek  
3rd Samuel Nemiroff of Pine Crest  
4th Sarah Garner of Pine Crest

## High School Environmental
1st Kristina Thoren of American Heritage  
2nd Wendi Oppenheim of Pine Crest  
3rd Jake Rothstein of American Heritage  
4th Mark Becker of Olivet

## High School Physical
1st Dylan Seeman of Sarasota  
2nd Luizetta Navrazhynkh of FAU high  
3rd Daniel Christe of American Heritage  
4th Eric Shullman of Pine Crest

## High School Literary
1st Alexandria Brantley of Sarasota

## High School Medical
1st Natalie Eisner of Pine Crest  
2nd Aashish Lalani of Spruce Creek  
3rd Miguel Paredes of American Heritage  
4th Rumya Raghavan of Spruce Creek

### Special Awards for Outstanding Presentations
were awarded to:  
Danae Pick of Olivet  
Katherine Zimmerman of Braden River

### FJAS scholarships
were presented to:  
Mark Becker of Olivet  
Lindsey Saunders of Union County  
These scholarships are only available to students who stay in Florida in hopes that they will become members of the Florida Academy of Sciences and present at future FAS conferences.

### Special Recognition
Many FJAS competitors stood when asked if they would be competing at the State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida (SSEF) in late March. We hope that everyone was able to learn something from the FJAS experience that will help at SSEF. Four students from **Manatee County** and **Union County** also were congratulated for being selected to compete at the Intel International Science & Engineering Fair in Los Angeles, California in May. For the past fourteen years (every year that the statistics have been calculated) FJAS competitors have consistently outranked the other Florida students at SSEF by winning significantly more place awards. We hope to be able to say fifteen years.

We hope to see you at **University of South Florida** in Tampa on March 17, 2012.