

Hualalai Academy held its 10th Annual Science Fair this November. Students, grades K-8th, performed experiments, surveys, or tests, and then described their work in written reports, on display boards and with physical demonstrations.

A team of professionals from the island interviewed the middle school student's on their findings and then judged the projects on their educational value, the materials and methodology, design and many other variables. The following students were awarded Judges' Distinction Awards and are now eligible to compete for a place at the West Hawai'i District Science Fair on February 15 - 16 and the Hawai'i State Science and Engineering Fair held on Oahu the first week in April.

The awardees are: Alex Ward on "Hovercrafts," Christian Mercer on "The Electric Guitar," Allison Alterman on "Leukemia," Brittany Denzer on "Airships," Brittany Dodson on "Decompression Sickness," Erin Zagorodney on "Measuring Pitch with Earphones," Draysen Wilson on "Gasses under Pressure," Rachael Maguire on "Human Genome and Ancestry," Kate-Lyn Capelli on "Possibility of Life on Mars," Jennifer Decker on "Physiology of Eyes," Nick Steger on "Algal Blooms," Sam Gillis on "Heroin Addiction," Keli Jackson on "Paw Preference," Evan Cappy Alterman on "Burning Metals," Breanna Bellatti on "Fruit Voltage," Russell Laros on "Electromagnetism," Delaney Ross on "Clinical Depression," Megan Saks on "Fireworks," Katelyn Howard on "Homophobic Discrimination."