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Four students win MDMR awards at Region VI Science Fair

BILOXI, Miss. – The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources on Friday presented four Coast students with the MDMR Excellence in Marine Sciences Award as part of the Region VI Science and Engineering Fair.

The MDMR has been giving the award for more than 20 years, and it was established to encourage local students to develop research projects involving Mississippi's coastal resources.

"We give these awards each year to encourage students to identify environmental issues and find possible solutions," said MDMR Executive Director Jamie Miller. "It's important that young people know they play a part in the conservation and protection of the Coast."

The awards are given in four classes. Class I, kindergarten through third grade; Class II, fourth through sixth grades; Class III, seventh and eighth grades; Class IV, ninth and 10th grades.

The winners in the first two classes each receive \$100. The other two winners receive \$200 each to enhance their exhibits for the next level of competition.

Winners of this year's Excellence in Marine Sciences Awards are:

Class I – Army Gollott IV, Nativity BVM Elementary, "Shrimpin' Ain't Easy."

Class II – Allen Arguello, Ocean Springs Upper Elementary, "What is the Best Way to Slow Down Coastal Erosion?"

Class III – Jadyn Rhodes, Stone County Middle, "Oil Spills – Now How We Gonna Clean This Up?"

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Class IV – Marguerite Gelpi, Our Lady Academy, “Rip, Rap and Roll in the Wetland.”

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Cutline: Four students received the MDMR Excellence in Science Awards on Friday at the Region VI Science and Engineering Fair. The winners are, from left, Army Gollott IV, Allen Arguello, Jady Rhoades and Marguerite Gelpi.

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