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MISSOULA—

A Butte High School student was one of 18 Montana students to compete with more than 1,200 of the most talented young scientists from all 50 states and 40 countries at the 54th Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Cleveland.

Alexandra Hope Antonioli and the other Montana student winners earned the right to compete in the international event by winning top grand awards and expense-paid trips at regional science fairs held earlier this year in Billings, Butte, Great Falls and Havre, followed by the statewide Montana Science Fair at The University of Montana.

Antonioli won Intel Foundation’s $3,000 First Grand Award, along with a $500 Bureau of Reclamation/U.S. Department of the Interior’s First Place award for her project in the biochemistry category titled “An Investigation of the Remediation of Berkeley Pit Water Using Genetically Modified Extremophilic Organisms; Phase IV.” The Bureau of Reclamation/U.S. Department of the Interior also will award a matching $500 grant to Butte High School.

More than $3 million was awarded in scholarships, tuition grants, internships, scientific equipment, trips, grand awards and cash prizes at the largest pre-college science fair in the world.

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