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INTER MONTANA STUDENTS WIN NATIONAL SCIENCE FAIR AWARDS

MISSOULA--

Two North Toole County High School students won major awards at the 33rd annual International Science and Engineering Fair in Houston, Texas, May 10-15.

Bill Rankin, 17, received a \$100 award from the American Society of Agronomy for his "Study of Linkage, Crossing Over, and Genetic Concepts Using Brassica campestris"; and Edna Nutter, 18, won fourth place in the biochemistry division for her exhibit titled "Immunoelectrophoretic Analysis of the Enzymatic Degradation of Bovine IgG Immunoglobulines."

Rankin and Nutter were the two Grand Award winners in the Montana Science Fair, held last month at the University of Montana, and both were awarded expense-paid trips to the international event. They were accompanied by UM physics professor Len Porter, who notes that the Montana students faced incredible competition from students around the United States as well as Europe, Japan and Korea.

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