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Three Montana high school students, Carol Jean La Liberty of Helena Cathedral High School, Jana Jo Staton of Hamilton High School and Alice C. Kelly of Anaconda Central High School have been awarded $25 research grants by the Montana Academy of Sciences to continue work on research projects.

Miss La Liberty is trying to work out the effects of a low iron diet on the spleen. Sister Rose Carmel is her adviser on the project, which has been in progress for two years.

Miss Staton is investigating the possible relationship between carbon monoxide and cancer. She first became interested in this problem when she heard an automobile dealer remark that in 30 years he had never known a mechanic who had cancer. She is being advised by Ernest Ibej.

Miss Kelly is investigating the effects of anti-biotics on the growth of staphylococcus bacteria on agar plates. She is being advised by Sister Marie Paula, O.P.

The money for these grants is given to academies of science by the American Association for the Advancement of Science to be used to aid high school researchers, according to Dr. LeRoy H. Harvey of Montana State University, executive secretary of the Montana Academy of Sciences. The grants are part of the association's program of furthering interest in the sciences, he said. The recipients are chosen by the Academy Committee on Research Grants on the basis of their possibilities as future research workers in the sciences.

The three winners have been asked to give reports on their research projects at the next annual meeting of the Academy, which will be at the College of Great Falls in April.

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