



## **CVUSD students bring home awards from California State Science Fair**

Three Chino Valley Unified School District students have won awards at the California State Science Fair, held April 24-25 at the California Science Center in Los Angeles.

Wynn Phaychanpheng and Audrey Sogata, a team of eighth-graders from Townsend Junior High in Chino Hills, won third place in the Junior Division of Plant Biology for their project “The Effects of Varied Increments of Auxin and Gibberellin on Brassica rapa.”

Auxins and Gibberellins are plant hormones that play a role in plant growth. Brassica rapa, field mustard, is an herbaceous annual or biennial species in the Brassicaceae (the cabbage or mustard family) from which various interrelated vegetable varieties have been developed, including turnips, and bok choy.

Alexandra Olivar, a sixth-grader at Cal Aero Preserve Academy in Chino, received an Honorable Mention in the Junior Division of Materials Science for her project “Do You Hear What I Hear? Testing the Soundproofing Ability of Different Materials.”

The three girls advanced to the state science fair after winning gold medals at the SIM Science and Engineering Fair held April 5 in San Bernardino. That competition included science fair students from San Bernardino, Inyo, and Mono counties who were top winners in the science fairs at their respective school districts.

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