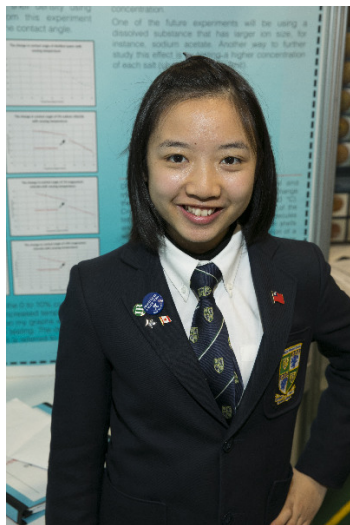


CWSF 2017 - Regina, Saskatchewan



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A New Phase of Water: Is this measurable with surface tension?

Challenge: Discovery

Category: Intermediate

Region: Vancouver Island

City: Victoria, BC

School: Glenlyon Norfolk School

Abstract: Recently, scientists discovered a new phase of liquid water, where a difference in hydrogen bonding exists from 40 to 60C. I wanted to know if this phenomenon could be observed in different concentrations of magnesium chloride and sodium chloride. I measured the surface tension of water by analyzing the contact angle in a droplet and was able to measure a variation in the crossover temperature.

Biography

I wanted to expand my knowledge about water since there are still many things about water that are a mystery to us. I was inspired to do my project when I read about scientists that found evidence of a new phase of water (published in November 2016). I hope in the future we as human beings will have the opportunity to explore and understand the topic fully. In my opinion, the essential thing when it comes to doing a science project is an open, passionate heart towards the subject. There may be failures along the way but learning how to not let these burdens pull you down will lead to you an astonishing experience.

Awards

Value

CAP Physics Prize - Intermediate Sponsor: Canadian Association of Physicists	\$750
Excellence Award - Intermediate - Bronze Medal Sponsor: Youth Science Canada	
Western University Scholarship Bronze Medallist - \$1000 Entrance Scholarship Sponsor: Western University	\$1 000
Total	\$1 750