

## SUNNYVALE

### Student wins top prize in State Science Fair

Shiloh S. Curtis of Sunnyvale has won the top prize for high school students at the California State Science Fair, for a project creating a touch-based navigational aid for visually impaired people.

Shiloh, a junior who is home-schooled in the Laughing Thunder Academy, was advised by Youssef Ismail from the Schmahl Science Workshop in San Jose.

For her hands-free hat-based navigation system, Shiloh won the project of the year-senior division. The fair drew 1,030 entries from throughout the state. Of those, 289 students placed in the fair's category awards.

Dozens of students from Santa Clara and San Mateo counties won recognition and special awards or placed in the category awards at the fair, held at the California Science Center in Los Angeles. For a list of winners, go to [www.californiasciencecenter.org/CSSF/](http://www.californiasciencecenter.org/CSSF/).

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