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**NORTH ALLEGHENY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL  
CAPTURE REGIONAL SCIENCE BOWL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

*Winners Earn Trip to Washington DC to Compete for National Title*

North Allegheny Senior High School team 1 and Marshall Middle School team 1 captured the championship crowns in their respective categories in the 2015 Southwestern Pennsylvania Science Bowl for high schools and middle schools hosted today by the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) National Energy Technology Laboratory in South Park Township.

In the High School category, North Allegheny Senior High School team 1 overcame Pittsburgh Allderdice High School team 1 in the final match to become this year's regional high school champion. North Allegheny Intermediate High School team 1 and Canon-McMillan High School team 1 came in third and fourth place respectively. Each of these four teams survived preliminary competitions involving 48 teams on February 21 at the Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC), South Campus.

In the Middle School category, Marshall Middle School team 1 took the championship, overcoming Ingomar Middle School team 1 in the final match. Dorseyville Middle School and Ingomar Middle School team 3 placed third and fourth respectively. These four teams emerged as finalists from an original field of 30 teams at the preliminary middle school competition held on February 28 at CCAC.

North Allegheny High School team 1 and Marshall Middle School team 1 will journey to Washington, D.C., as the Southwestern Pennsylvania Science Bowl high and middle school representatives to DOE's National Science Bowl® scheduled for April 30–May 4.

Members of the winning North Allegheny Senior High School team are Songela Chen (captain), Sean Tao, Rahul Rao, Guanlin Ren, and Eric Mi. Cristina Ruffolo is the team's coach.

Members of the Marshall Middle School championship team are Jaingfeng Chu (captain), Venkata Daita, Jiwoo Cheon, Jerry Chen, and Roy Sun. The team is coached by Dan Williams.

In addition to the trip to our nation's capital, the winning high school team receives \$1,250 for its school science department. The winning middle school team receives \$1,000 for its school science department. Each of the first-place teams will receive a school plaque, an invitation to participate in the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh Awards Banquet, and other prizes. Second, third, and fourth place teams will also receive cash for their school science departments and other prizes.

At the National Science Bowl, the winning teams from the Southwestern Pennsylvania regional contests will compete with regional champions from competitions held across the country. The winners of this year's national competitions will each receive \$1,000 for their school science department, a National Science Bowl trophy and other prizes.

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Competition information and photos of the winning teams are available at <http://www.swpasciencebowl.com/>. Follow the Southwestern Pennsylvania Science Bowl on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SWPAScienceBowl>.

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