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**Four Local High School Teams Emerge Victorious as Regional Science Bowl Finalists**  
***Winner of Final Matches Will Compete at DOE National Science Bowl® in DC***

Following the preliminary rounds of competition held today at the Community College of Allegheny County South Campus (CCAC), four regional high school teams emerged from a field of 57 scholastic team entries to qualify for the championship rounds of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Science Bowl scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, at the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) in South Park Township.

The winning teams that will compete in the championship rounds are Fox Chapel team 1, Mt. Lebanon team 2, Bethel Park team 1, and North Allegheny Senior team 1. All four finalist schools receive funds for their school science programs ranging from \$750 to \$1,500 as well as local trips and other prizes. The finalist team that goes on to win the regional championship will receive an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., to compete in DOE National Science Bowl set for April 28 to May 2.

Runner-up teams in today's competitions were North Allegheny Intermediate team 1, Gateway team 1, Fox Chapel team 2 and Upper St. Clair team 2.

Eight teams were also selected to receive Civility Awards for sportsmanship for their respective divisions. They are Seton-La Salle, East Allegheny team 1, Mars Area team 1, Keystone Oaks, Hempfield Area team 2, Aquinas Academy team 2, Bethel Park team 2, and Woodland Hills.

NETL is a U.S. Department of Energy national laboratory that produces technological solutions to America's energy challenges. For more than 100 years, the laboratory has focused on developing tools and processes to provide clean, reliable, and affordable energy to the American people. Three NETL research sites—Albany, Ore., Morgantown, W.Va., and Pittsburgh, Pa.—conduct a broad range of energy and environmental research and development activities that support DOE's mission to advance the national, economic, and energy security of the United States.

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**News media from all outlets are invited to cover the final rounds of competition in this year's Southwestern Pennsylvania Science Bowl scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, at 8:30 a.m. at the National Energy Technology Laboratory in South Park Township. Those interested in covering this event are encouraged to contact David Anna at 412/386-4646 or 412/337-8553. Competition information will be available at <http://www.swpasciencebowl.com/>.**