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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 and Marshall Middle School team 1 captured the championship crowns in their respective categories in the 2016 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, the North Allegheny Senior High School team overcame Bethel Park High School in the final match to become this year's regional high school champion. Fox Chapel and Mount Lebanon came in third and fourth place respectively. Each of these four teams survived preliminary competitions involving 57 teams on February 20 at the Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC), South Campus.

In the Middle School category, Marshall Middle School team 1 took the championship, overcoming Fort Couch Middle School in the final match. Marshall Middle School team 2 and Chartiers Valley Middle School placed third and fourth respectively. These four teams emerged as finalists from an original field of 34 teams at the preliminary middle school competition held on February 27 at CCAC.

North Allegheny Senior High School and Marshall Middle School team 1 will journey to Washington, D.C., as the Southwestern Pennsylvania Science Bowl high and middle school representatives to the DOE National Science Bowl® scheduled for April 28–May 2.

Members of the winning North Allegheny Senior High School team are Russell Ruffolo (captain), Gunasheil Mandava, Zain Mehdi, Jack Mo, and Anushka Shah. Cristina Ann Ruffolo is the team's coach.

Members of the Marshall Middle School championship team are Jaingfeng Chu (captain), Venkata Daita, Ethan Eichelberger, Hannah Shin, and Joshua Zhou. The team is coached by Daniel Williams and Carolyn Steele.

In addition to the trip to our nation's capital, the winning high school team receives $1,500 for its school science department. The winning middle school team receives $1,250 for its school science department. Each of the first-place teams will receive 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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Photos of the winning teams can be downloaded from NETL's Flickr account at: https://flic.kr/s/aHskwautTp

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