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**MORGANTOWN HIGH SCHOOL—TEAM 1 AND SUNCREST MIDDLE SCHOOL—
TEAM 1 CAPTURE REGIONAL SCIENCE BOWL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

WINNERS EARN TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC TO COMPETE FOR NATIONAL TITLE

Morgantown High School—Team 1, and Suncrest Middle School—Team 1, Morgantown, captured the championship crowns in their respective categories in the 2016 West Virginia Science Bowl Regional for high schools and middle schools co-hosted Saturday by the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) National Energy Technology Laboratory and West Virginia University (WVU) at the Mountainlair on the WVU main campus.

In the High School category, Morgantown High School—Team 1 overcame Morgantown High School—Team 2 in the final match to become this year's regional high school champion. University High School—Team 1 and Roane County High School—Team 1 came in third and fourth place, respectively. Each of these four teams survived preliminary competitions last November and December involving high school teams throughout the state. Twenty-three High School teams representing 17 schools qualified for the 2016 Regional competition.

In the Middle School category, Suncrest Middle School—Team 1 took the championship, overcoming Suncrest Middle School—Team 2 in the final match. Teams from Hayes Middle School—Team 2 and Hayes Middle School—Team 1, St. Albans, placed third and fourth respectively. These four teams emerged from a field of 16 teams competing in the middle school competition held February 5 in its second year at the Mountainlair.

Both Morgantown High School—Team 1 and Suncrest Middle School—Team 1 will journey to Washington, D.C., as the West Virginia Science Bowl Regional high school and middle school representatives to DOE's National Science Bowl[®] scheduled for April 28-May 2.

Members of the winning High School team are David Sokolov, Abraham Joshua, Xinwei Guo, Siddharth Subramanyam and Alexandru Stanescu. Joseph Melia is the coach.

Members of the Middle School championship team are Asritha Sure, Joseph Taylor, Ben Shi, Peter Luo and Sachin Thaker. The coach is Chris Maloney.

At the National Science Bowl®, High School will compete against elite high school science teams from around the country. The students will have the opportunity to participate in science seminars and hands-on science discovery team challenges. Top teams will receive trophies and other awards, including science trips. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) created the National Science Bowl® and regional competitions to encourage high school students from across the nation to excel in math and science and pursue careers in those fields.

This year's event included the welcoming address from U.S. Rep. David McKinley, W.Va. District 1, and welcoming remarks from NETL Director Dr. Grace Bochenek and WVU President E. Gordon Gee. All three speakers praised the students for their achievements and encouraged them to have fun as they competed in Saturday's event.

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Caption for Morgantown High School—Team 1

Members of the Morgantown High School—Team 1 are Joseph Melia, coach, Siddharth Subramanyam, Abraham Joshua, Xinwei Guo, David Sokolov, and Alexandru Stanescu.

Caption for Suncrest Middle School—Team 1

Members of the Suncrest Middle School—Team 1 are Asritha Sure, Ben Shi, Sachin Thaker, Joseph Taylor, Peter Luo, and Chris Maloney, coach.

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