



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF **ENERGY**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sunday, May 3, 2009

NEWS MEDIA CONTACTS:

Jeff Sherwood: (202) 586-4826

Science Bowl Press Room: (301) 961-2854

**“Sweet 16” High School and Middle School Teams Advance
in DOE’s National Science Bowl® in Washington, D.C.**

*St. Andrews Episcopal School from Amarillo, Texas Wins Speed Race
in the Hydrogen Fuel Cell Model Car Challenge*

WASHINGTON, DC — The pool of high school and middle school teams has narrowed as the competition at the Department of Energy’s National Science Bowl® heats up.

Sixteen of the 67 regional high school teams and 16 of the 36 regional middle school teams have advanced to the double elimination round of the National Finals this afternoon in Washington DC. The ‘Sweet 16’ teams will bring home a cash award to their school science department — \$1,000 for high school teams and \$500 for middle school teams.

Only two high school teams and two middle school teams will survive double elimination to compete in the national championship tomorrow at the National Building Museum. The high school national champion will receive an all-expense-paid science research trip to attend the International Science School at the University of Sydney, Australia.

St. Andrews Episcopal School from Amarillo, Texas earned top marks for speed at the Hydrogen Fuel Cell Model Car Challenge, a special middle school portion of the National Science Bowl. The winning team will take home \$750 to their school’s science department. The 36 middle school teams raced hydrogen-fueled model cars they had designed and built prior to the competition.

The High School Top 16 teams are:

Albany High School, Albany, California
Brophy College Preparatory, Phoenix, Arizona
Central Academy, Des Moines, Iowa

Homestead High School, Cupertino, California
Lexington High School, Lexington, Massachusetts
Mira Loma High School, Sacramento, California
Mission San Jose High School, Fremont, California
North Hollywood High School, North Hollywood, California
Oak Ridge High School, Oak Ridge, Tennessee
Punahou School, Honolulu, Hawaii
Santa Monica High School, Santa Monica, California
St. Paul Central High School, St. Paul, Minnesota
Terre Haute South Vigo High School, Terre Haute, Indiana
Ward Melville High School, East Setauket, New York
West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North, Plainsboro, New Jersey
Woodrow Wilson High School, Beckley, West Virginia

The Middle School Top 16 teams are:

Albuquerque Academy, Albuquerque, New Mexico
Challenger School, Sunnyvale, California
Honey Creek Middle School, Terre Haute, Indiana
Hopkins Junior High School, Fremont, California
Jonas Clarke Middle School, Lexington, Massachusetts
Lincoln Middle School, Gainesville, Florida
Lincoln Middle School, Pullman, Washington
Lux Middle School, Lincoln, Nebraska
Madison Park School, Phoenix, Arizona
Northern Virginia Homeschoolers, Herndon, Virginia
Robert Cushman Murphy Junior High School, Stony Brook, New York
Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy, Saginaw, Michigan
Summa Academy South, Beaverton, Oregon
Takoma Park Middle School, Silver Spring, Maryland
Thomas Grover Middle School, Princeton Junction, New Jersey
Van Antwerp Middle School, Niskayuna, New York

The Van Antwerp Middle School from Niskayuna, New York placed second in the model car race and won \$500. The Abraham Lincoln Middle School from Gainesville, Florida placed third in the model car race winning \$250.

NOTE: All teams will be available for interviews on Monday, the last day of the competition, by calling the Science Bowl Press Room at (301) 961-2854. Competition photos are also available.

There will be a Satellite Feed of Footage from the Hydrogen Fuel Cell Model Car Speed Races at 9 p.m. EDT tonight:

WHO: Middle School Teams and their models cars!
WHEN: **Sunday, May 4, 9:00 P.M. EDT**

WHERE: Band: AMC1 C Analog
Transponder: 9
Downlink Frequency: 3880
Polarity: Horizontal
Audio Channels: 6.2 / 6.8 (Standard)

More than 20,000 students competed in this year's National Science Bowl regional competitions. Since the National Science Bowl's inception in 1991, more than 150,000 students and teachers have participated.

The DOE National Science Bowl is the nation's largest academic competition of its kind and the only one sponsored by a federal agency.

Biographical information about the teams and more information about DOE's National Science Bowl are available at: <http://nationalsciencebowl.energy.gov>.

- DOE -