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Science Olympiad Team Places Third in Regional Contest La Lumiere School Qualifies for State Tournament

LaPorte, Ind. – February 16, 2009 – The La Lumiere School Science Team competed in the Indiana Science Olympiad regional competition at Goshen College, Saturday, February 14. Winning medals in 22 of the 23 events, the team finished in third place overall among the eight-team high school division. The top three teams that finish in the competition advance to the Indiana Science Olympiad Finals, at I.U.P.U.I. on Saturday, March 28. The top two finishers were public high schools with enrollment 8 times the size of La Lumiere’s 182-student population.

La Lumiere School students compete to qualify for a spot on the School’s Science Olympiad team. Through classroom activities, research and training, the team prepares for district, regional and state tournaments. La Lumiere has competed successfully at local, regional, and state levels in Indiana for the past 16 years. La Lumiere School’s medal results are as follows:

First Place Medals

Egg-o-naut – Sy Harris

Herpetology – Bobby Bartels and Conor Luck

It’s About Time – Justin Katz and Conor Luck

Junkyard Challenge – Asher Glick and Trevor Grieger

Second Place Medals

Astronomy – Justin Knoll and Conor Luck

Electric Vehicle – Hans Guentert and Ryan Worl

Elevated Bridge – Sy Harris

Fossils – Christian Allen and Anule (Joy) Ndukwu

Trajectory – Justin Katz and Justin Knoll

Third Place Medals

Chemistry Lab – Asher Glick and Asher Igra

Disease Detective – Christian Allen and Anule (Joy) Ndukwu

Dynamic Planet – Christian Allen and Justin Katz

Environmental Chemistry – Asher Glick and Asher Igra

Forensics – Asher Glick and Shubhra Murarka

Remote Sensing – Hans Guentert and Ryan Worl

Fourth Place Medals

Cell Biology – Elaine Fehrs and Justin Knoll

Ecology – Natalee Allenbaugh and Christian Allen

Experimental Design – Bobby Bartels, Trevor Grieger, and Ryan Worl

Health Science – Elaine Fehrs and Shubhra Murarka

Physics Lab – Natalee Allenbaugh and Sy Harris

Picture This – Natalee Allenbaugh, Bobby Bartels, and Elaine Fehrs

Write it-Do it – Natalee Allenbaugh and Conor Luck

About Science Olympiad

Science Olympiad is a national organization that strives to promote and improve student interest in science and to improve the quality of K-12 science education throughout the nation. Its vision is to:

- Create a passion for learning through the organization of tournaments.
- Improve the quality of K-12 science education throughout the nation by changing the way science is perceived and the way it is taught (with an emphasis on problem solving and hands-on, minds-on constructivist learning practices).
- Celebrate and recognize the outstanding achievement of both students and teachers in the areas of science and technology.
- Promote partnerships among community, businesses, industry, government and education.

The Specific Purposes of Science Olympiad Tournaments are to:

- Bring science to life, to show how science works, to emphasize problem solving aspects of science and the understanding of science concepts.
- Develop teamwork and cooperative learning strategies among students.
- Make science education more exciting so more students will enroll in science courses and engage in other science activities like science reading, fairs, meetings and field trips.
- Promote high levels of achievement and a commitment to excellence, to demonstrate that American students can perform at levels that surpass expectations of even practicing scientists and engineers.
- Attract more students particularly females and minorities to professional and technical careers in science, technology and science teaching.

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