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## **Overland Park Students Win National Science Bowl® Regional Competition, Secure Spot in National Finals**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A team of middle school students from Overland Park, Kansas won their regional competition for the 2024 National Science Bowl® (NSB) this past weekend and will compete in the NSB National Finals this spring, the **U.S. Department of Energy** (DOE), who sponsors the NSB, announced today.

"Every year this 'competition like no other' brings together some of the most remarkable and inspiring students from across America.," **said Asmeret Asefaw Berhe, DOE Office of Science Director**, "and I would like to congratulate the Pleasant Ridge Middle School team as they advance to the National Finals! Good luck to you – our future scientists, visionaries, and leaders!"

The NSB brings together thousands of middle and high school students from across the country to compete in a fast-paced question-and-answer format where they solve technical problems and answer questions on a range of science disciplines including biology, chemistry, Earth and space sciences, physics, and math.

The team from your area that won their qualifying regional competition this past weekend and will be advancing to the National Finals is:

Pleasant Ridge Middle School, Overland Park, Kansas

The top two middle and high school teams will win \$5000 for their schools' math and science departments. Other schools placing in the top 16 in the National Finals will win \$1,000 for their schools' science departments. For press inquiries, please contact the NSB media outreach manager, Nathan Clark, at [nathan.clark@science.doe.gov](mailto:nathan.clark@science.doe.gov).

The winning team from each qualifying regional competition will be eligible to compete in the National Finals held in Washington, D.C., from April 25 - 29, 2024, with all expenses paid. The national event consists of several days of science activities and sightseeing, along with the competitions.

Today, the NSB annually draws more than 10,000 middle and high school competitors. Since the first competition in 1991, approximately 344,000 students have faced off in the National Science Bowl® Finals. The knowledge that [former competitors](#) have acquired and, more importantly, the collaborative skills and study habits that they learned along the way have led them to successes in a variety of fields. Many have become researchers; others are science and math professors.

The 2024 competitors will follow in the footsteps of previous National Science Bowl® contestants and will blaze a trail for students in science, math, and engineering.

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