

More than 100 students competed in this weekend's National Finals. Earlier this spring, more than 5,000 students from across the country participated in regional Science Bowls for middle school students. The winners of the regional middle school Science Bowls received all-expense paid trips to compete in the National Finals in Denver. DOE recognizes all the students who competed as true math and science stars, representing the nation's next generation of scientists and engineers.

DOE created the National Science Bowl in 1991 to encourage high school students to excel in math and science and to pursue careers in these fields. In 2002, DOE started a similar competition for middle school students. DOE supports mathematics and science education to help provide a technically trained and diverse workforce for the nation. More than 100,000 students have participated in both competitions of the National Science Bowl since 1991.

Placing second in the DOE National Science Bowl for middle school students was Challenger School from Newark, Calif. Team members are Tanay Kothari, Nikhil Desai, Arun Pingali, Aditya Limaye and coaches Raji Pingali and Dipty Desai. This team won \$150 gift certificates for each student and two computer labs from Texas Instruments.

The third place team was Longfellow Middle School from Falls Church, Va., including students In Young Cho, Sin Kim, Rohan Ramnath, Xavier Ferrier, Thalia Aoki and coach Scott VanBenschoten. This team's prizes included \$100 gift certificates for each student and a computer lab from Texas Instruments.

This year's corporate sponsors were General Motors and Texas Instruments.

On Friday, June 22, St. Andrews Episcopal School from Amarillo, Texas won first place in the Hydrogen Fuel Cell Model Car Challenge sponsored by General Motors.

The DOE Office of Science manages the DOE National Science Bowl. The Office of Science is the principal supporter of DOE's world-class national laboratory system that will lead the way in innovations including high-end computing, nanotechnology, biotechnology, energy sources, and other material science research.

A photo of the winning team and more information about the DOE National Science Bowl are available at <http://nationalsciencebowl.energy.gov>.

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