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Virginia's Thomas Jefferson High School National Science Bowl® Champion

WASHINGTON, DC -- "Fructose 1,6-Diphosphate" was the answer to a biology question that today clinched the 2004 National Science Bowl® championship for the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology team from Alexandria, Va. This is the third consecutive year the team has won the national championship.

Dr. Raymond L. Orbach, Director of the Department of Energy's Office of Science, presented the school's team the national championship trophy after they triumphed over 63 other regional team champions this weekend. The members of the Thomas Jefferson High School team are: Kay Aull, Samuel Lederer, Lisa Marrone, Paul Yang, Michael Zhang and coach Sharon Baker. The team also won a two-week trip to England to attend the International Youth Science Forum, three Computer Based Laboratories and \$1000 for their school's science department. In addition, each of the team members received a scientific calculator.

"The Science Bowl is part of the Energy Department's efforts to encourage students and their teachers to achieve excellence in the sciences," Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham said. "By supporting educational excellence we help provide a technically trained and diverse workforce for the agency and the nation."

Placing second in the National Science Bowl® was the A & M Consolidated High School of College Station, TX. The team members are: Gilbert Huang, Dhananjay Jagannathan, Nuvan Rathnayaka, Nathan Savir, Christopher Simpson and coach Kristen Jones. The team's prizes include attending an environmental research trip in South Carolina, two Texas Instrument Computer Based Laboratories and \$1000.

The third place team was Baton Rouge High School of Baton Rouge, LA. The team members are: Josh Hartman, George Lin, Erqi Liu, Jeff Plaisance, Yonas Yemane and coach Katy Parker. The team's prizes include a geological research trip in Oklahoma, one Computer Based Laboratory and \$1000.

Montgomery Blair High School of Silver Spring, MD placed fourth. The team members are: Ning Bao, Randolph Li, John Shen, Anran Wang, Stanley Wang and coach Tran Pham.

Placing fifth was North Hollywood High School of North Hollywood, Calif. The team members are: Shawn Chanslor, Jensen Law, Tanya Marton, Paul Kim, Stephen Yao and coach Len Soloff.

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Winning the Civility Award for best conduct throughout the Science Bowl was the Shasta High School team from Redding, Calif. They won IBM Personal Data Assistants and a trip to the Crow Canyon Archeological Center in Cortez, Colorado, for a week-long program in the archeology of the Southwest.

The other teams in the top 16 were:

Chaska High School, Chaska, MN
East Brunswick High School, East Brunswick, NJ
George Walton High School, Marietta, GA
Harker School, San Jose, CA
Iolani High School, Honolulu, HI
Newton North High School, Newton, MA
Poudre High School, Fort Collins, CO
Smoky Hill High School, Aurora, CO
Taylor Allderdice High School, Pittsburgh, PA
Ward Melville High School, East Setauket, NY
Woodinville High School, Redmond, WA

More than 300 students competed in this weekend's National Science Bowl[®]. Thirteen thousand students at 1,800 schools participated in 64 regional Science Bowl competitions this year. The Department of Energy 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. The department supports math and science education to help provide a technically trained and diverse workforce for the agency and the nation. This year's corporate sponsors were Bechtel, General Motors, IBM, Kodak and Texas Instruments.

The top 16 teams each received \$1,000 for their schools' science departments. The department's Office of Science administers the National Science Bowl[®]. More information about the Science Bowl is available at www.scied.science.doe.gov/nsb.