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**Northwest students battle wits at
"Super Bowl of Science"
*BPA sponsors the 21st annual Regional Science Bowl***

Portland, Ore. - The Pacific Northwest's brightest middle school and high school students will flock to the University of Portland this weekend and next for the 21st annual [BPA Regional Science Bowl](#) – the largest regional science bowl in the nation. The future scientists and engineers are vying for the right to compete at the National Science Bowl in Washington, D.C., later this spring.

The public is invited to watch more than 650 students representing teams from Oregon and Washington compete in these two quiz-show style round-robin events. Sixteen colleges and universities are offering scholarships to the top three winning teams. Corporate sponsors of these two events are [Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories](#), [Alstrom](#) Grid, and the [University of Portland](#).

As BPA biologist Makary Hutson experienced last year, the intensity of the questions and competition leads many people to ask themselves, "Could I ever compete in such an event?"

"I was most impressed with the middle school students' ability to calculate answers to difficult mathematical questions in the team rounds," says Hutson. "The majority of people will never calculate the molarity of a molecular compound – let alone in less than 30 seconds." Hutson is one of 150 BPA employees who volunteer as moderators, judges and in other positions in each year's competition.

Middle school science bowl competition

When: Jan. 28, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Where: University of Portland, Franz Hall and Buckley Auditorium

Lunchtime event: [Astronaut Stanley G. Love](#), Ph.D., will deliver the luncheon address and provide living proof of the importance of science and math. Love, who grew up in Eugene, Ore., will speak from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. in Buckley Auditorium. This presentation is open to the public.

Details: [See complete schedule](#)

High school science bowl competition

When: Feb. 4, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Where: University of Portland, Franz Hall and Buckley Auditorium

Lunchtime event: Juggler Rhys Thomas, former Smithsonian artist and popular OMSI presenter, will demonstrate physics with acrobatics, juggling and the irresistible force of levity. The show is from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. in Buckley Auditorium and is open to the public.

Details: [See complete schedule](#)

About the Game

Middle school and high school students train for months for this academic challenge. Coaches and teams of four or five students from Oregon and Washington dive into topics such as astronomy, biology, chemistry, energy, mathematics, physics, earth science, computer and general science.

The competition consists of a round robin followed by a double elimination final. The questions are multiple choice and short answer. Prizes are awarded to the top three teams and the winning team is invited to the Department of Energy's National Science Bowl in Washington, D.C.

About BPA

BPA is a non-profit federal agency that markets renewable hydropower from federal Columbia River dams, operates three-quarters of high-voltage transmission lines in the Northwest and funds one of the largest wildlife protection and restoration programs in the world. BPA and its partners have also saved enough electricity through energy efficiency projects to power four large American cities. For more information, contact us at 503-230-5131 or visit our website at www.bpa.gov.

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