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## **Westview High School of Beaverton wins 26th annual BPA Regional Science Bowl**

*The four-time champion earns a berth in the National Science Bowl later this spring in Washington, D.C.*

**Portland, Ore.** – Westview High School Team 1 of Beaverton, Oregon, rebounded late in the final round against second-place finisher Catlin Gabel High School Team 1 of Portland to win the Bonneville Power Administration Regional Science Bowl on Saturday at the University of Portland.

For the fourth-year-in-a-row, Westview will compete in the Department of Energy National Science Bowl.

The top finishing teams represented perennial Science Bowl heavyweights, with Sunset High School Team 1 of Beaverton, Oregon, finishing third, and Westview's Team 2 coming in fourth from among the 61 teams of high school students across western Oregon and western Washington.

For the 26th straight year, Bonneville Power hosted the largest regional science bowl in the nation as teams engaged in intense competition to earn an all-expense-paid berth to the Department of Energy's National Science Bowl this April 27 to May 1 in Washington, D.C.

Beyond the National Science Bowl, BPA and science bowl volunteers have worked to establish partnerships with universities and colleges in the region to offer scholarships for the top three teams in the high school division. In all, 18 colleges and universities in the Northwest are offering members of the top teams the opportunity for \$150,000 in scholarships.

In addition to the competition, demonstrations and hands-on activities took place throughout the day. A separate engineering competition was held in the afternoon for teams that did not advance to the double-elimination round.

Last Saturday, Odle Middle School of Bellevue, Washington, emerged on top in the middle school competition for the BPA Regional Science Bowl. Stoller Middle School of Portland came in second



place and Redmond Middle School of Redmond, Washington, came in third.

Students in the competition come from public and private schools in Washington and Oregon – from as far north as the Seattle metro area and as far south as Ashland, Ore. Many practice for months, in groups and individually, for the competition, which is as intense as any sporting event.

BPA hosts the science bowl to showcase students' talents in science, technology, engineering and math, as well as to encourage them to consider careers in these fields. This helps to build the future labor pool of scientists and innovators so critical to the energy industry. The BPA Regional Science Bowl is sponsored by the University of Portland, Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories and Vernier Software and Technology.

### **BPA REGIONAL SCIENCE BOWL ALL STARS**

*BPA recognized the following students who answered the most questions correctly in the morning rounds:*

- **Daniel Chiu**, Catlin Gabel High School
- **Mathew Seeley**, Lake Oswego High School
- **Ashwin Sah**, Jesuit High School
- **Kevin Rin**, Sunset High School
- **Erica Chiang**, Lake Oswego High School
- **Benjamin Lee**, Grant High School
- **Chandler Watson**, Oregon Episcopal High School
- **Andrew Jin**, Sunset High School
- **Vincent Doddapaneni**, Valley Catholic High School

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