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## **Westview High School takes the fifth...championship trophy**

**Portland, Ore.** – Two Westview High School teams faced off in the final round of the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Bonneville Power Administration Regional Science Bowl. Westview 1 went undefeated during the double-elimination tournament taking first place over Westview 2. This is the fifth consecutive win for teams from Westview High School. The winning team receives an all-expenses paid trip to Washington D.C. to compete in the national finals sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy.

While Westview 1 moves on to the national competition, they and second and third place finishers, Westview 2 and Sunset High School's Team 1 respectively, all qualify for scholarships from 17 universities and colleges in the Northwest. BPA and their science bowl volunteers have worked over the years to establish partnerships with the schools to offer members of the top three teams a chance at more than \$300,000 in scholarships.

Sixty-two teams from public and private high schools across western Washington and Oregon, competed at the University of Portland in the fast-paced, round-robin competition. The BPA Regional Science Bowl is the largest regional science bowl in the nation. The event challenges students' knowledge in all aspects of science including math, geology, chemistry, physics and environmental science.

On Feb. 3, the BPA Regional Science Bowl 2018 featured competitors from 63 middle schools. Last year's champions from Odle Middle School from Bellevue, Washington, once again came out on top. Two more Washington teams rounded out the top three: Evergreen Middle School from Redmond, and Vancouver's Shahala Middle School.

Since its formation in 1938, BPA has served as an engine of economic prosperity in the Northwest. BPA recently outlined how it will continue to fulfill that role into the future via its BPA 2018-2023 Strategic Plan. One way to do so is supporting development of future talent and leadership within the utility industry. Science Bowl looks to the future as it showcases students' talents in science, technology, engineering and math, while encouraging them to become the scientists and innovators so critical to the energy industry.

The BPA Regional Science Bowl 2018 was sponsored by the University of Portland, Vernier Software & Technology, and ID Technology.



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