



LA LUMIERE SCHOOL

Character • Scholarship • Faith

P.O. BOX 5005 • LAPORTE • INDIANA 46352-5005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Science Olympiad Team Places Third in Regional Contest La Lumiere School Qualifies for State Tournament

LaPorte, Ind. – February 21, 2007 – The La Lumiere School Science Team competed in the Indiana Science Olympiad regional competition at Goshen College, Saturday, February 17. Winning medals in 18 of the 23 events, the team finished in third place of the twelve-team high school division. The top three teams that finish in the competition advance to the Indiana Science Olympiad Finals, at Purdue University, Calumet on March 31. The top two finishers were public high schools with enrollment 8 and 10 times the size of La Lumiere's 154-student population. La Lumiere School's medal results are as follows:

First Place Medals

Ecology – Natalee Allenbaugh, Josh Katz
Oceanography – Celeste Park, Taylor Zobrosky
Scrambler – Nate Lange, Caleb Phillips

Second Place Medals

Astronomy – Mitch Gaffigan, Justin Knoll
Circuit Lab – Mitch Gaffigan, Ted Stamp
Experimental Design – Natalee Allenbaugh, Mitch Gaffigan, Taylor Zobrosky
Remote Sensing – Caleb Phillips, Ted Stamp

Third Place Medals

Designer Genes – Nate Lange, Marly Tristano
Disease Detectives – Elaine Fehrs, Marly Tristano
Health Science – Elaine Fehrs, Charlie Siedlecki
Rocks & Minerals – Justin Knoll, Charlie Siedlecki
Sounds of Music – Sunny Kim, Elyse Winter

Fourth Place Medals

Boomilever – Elyse Winter
Entomology – Joe Grossbauer, Justin Knoll
Fermi Questions – Mitch Gaffigan, Charlie Siedlecki
Five Star Science – Elaine Fehrs, Charlie Siedlecki
Forensics – Caleb Phillips, Marly Tristano
Write it-Do it – Elaine Fehrs, Natalee Allenbaugh

La Lumiere School students voluntarily compete to qualify for a spot on the Science Olympiad team. Through classroom activities, research and training, the team prepares for district, regional and state tournaments. La Lumiere has competed successfully at local, regional, and state levels in Indiana for the past 14 years.

About Science Olympiad

Science Olympiad is a national organization that strives to promote and improve student interest in science and to improve the quality of K-12 science education throughout the nation. Its vision is to:

- Create a passion for learning through the organization of tournaments.
- Improve the quality of K-12 science education throughout the nation by changing the way science is perceived and the way it is taught (with an emphasis on problem solving and hand-on, minds-on constructivist learning practices).
- Celebrate and recognize the outstanding achievement of both students and teachers in the areas of science and technology.
- Promote partnerships among community, businesses, industry, government and education.

The Specific Purposes of Science Olympiad Tournaments are to:

- Bring science to life, to show how science works, to emphasize problem solving aspects of science and the understanding of science concepts.
- Develop teamwork and cooperative learning strategies among students.
- Make science education more exciting so more students will enroll in science courses and engage in other science activities like science reading, fairs, meetings and field trips.
- Promote high levels of achievement and a commitment to excellence, to demonstrate that American students can perform at levels that surpass expectations of even practicing scientists and engineers.
- Attract more students particularly females and minorities to professional and technical careers in science, technology and science teaching.

Additional information may be found at the National Science Olympiad website at <http://www.soinc.org> or for the Indiana Science Olympiad, <http://www.goshen.edu/bio/SciOlymp/SciOly.html>

Press Contact:

Dionne Wisniewski

Director of Development

219.326.7450

dionne@lalumiere.org

Press Release