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

LaPorte, Ind. – February 18, 2008 – The La Lumiere School Science Team competed in the Indiana Science Olympiad regional competition at Goshen College, Saturday, February 16. Winning medals in 18 of the 23 events, the team finished in third place overall among the eleven-team high school division. The top three finishers in the competition advance to the Indiana Science Olympiad Finals, at Indiana University, Bloomington on March 29. Notably, each member of the La Lumiere team medaled in the competition.

La Lumiere School's medal results are as follows:

First Place Medals

Astronomy – Justin Knoll & Asher Igra

Boomilever – Trevor Grieger

Cell Biology – Elaine Fehrs & Semy Lee

Circuit Lab – Mitch Gaffigan & Ted Stamp

Food Science – Elaine Fehrs & Josh Katz

Herpetology – Bobby Bartels & Conor Luck

Oceanography – Theresa Siedlecki & Bobby Bartels

Physics Lab – Caleb Phillips & Charlie Siedlecki

Second Place Medals

Five Star Science – Elaine Fehrs & Natalee Allenbaugh

Third Place Medals

Chemistry Lab – Josh Katz & Caleb Phillips

Health Science – Elaine Fehrs & Charlie Siedlecki

Remote Sensing – Trevor Grieger & Ted Stamp

Rocks & Minerals – Charlie Siedlecki & Theresa Siedlecki

Robot Ramble – Ted Stamp & Caleb Phillips

Sounds of Music – Asher Igra & Semy Lee

Fourth Place Medals

Electric Vehicle – Mitch Gaffigan

Wright Stuff – Justin Katz

Write it-Do it – Natalee Allenbaugh & Conor Luck

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 16 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, and <http://www.goshen.edu/bio/SciOlymp/SciOly.html>.

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