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La Lumiere Students Medal at State Competition Continuing 18-year Tradition at Science Olympiad

La Porte, Ind. – April 2, 2009—On Saturday, March 28, the La Lumiere School Science team competed in the Indiana Science Olympiad State competition at Indiana University/Purdue University Indianapolis. The La Lumiere team placed 19th out of 26 teams.

First place medals were awarded in the Herpetology event to sophomore Bobby Bartels of South Bend and freshman Shubhra Murarka of La Porte (see attached photo).

The competition included contests in many discipline areas: astronomy, boomilever, laboratories in chemistry and circuitry, genetics, disease detection, ecology, entomology, experimental design, food science, forensics, health science, oceanography, physics, rocks and minerals, aviation, and physical science.

The La Lumiere School Science Team earned the right to compete at the state level by placing third at the regional competition at Goshen College, Saturday, February 14. The team won medals in 22 of the 23 events.

La Lumiere School students compete to qualify for a spot on the Science Olympiad team. Through classroom activities, research and training, the team prepares for invitational, regional and state tournaments. La Lumiere has competed successfully at local, regional, and state levels in Indiana for the past 17 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 hands-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.

About La Lumiere School

La Lumiere is a coeducational lay Catholic boarding and day school that provides a comprehensive college-preparatory education for qualified young men and women from a rich diversity of backgrounds. It seeks to develop character, scholarship and faith, while remaining both independently accredited and faithful to its Catholic heritage. Current enrollment is 180 students. It is situated on a beautiful rural estate 8 miles north of La Porte and south of New Buffalo, Michigan. Please visit www.lalumiere.org for additional information.

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Photo captions:

Team.jpg: La Lumiere School 2009 Science Olympiad Team and Coaches
Winners.jpg: Science Olympiad first place medal winners: Bobby Bartels of South Bend and Shubhra Murarka of La Porte.