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Area High School Teams Perform Well at DOE's Savannah River Regional Science Bowl® Championship

Greenbrier and Lakeside High School place second and third

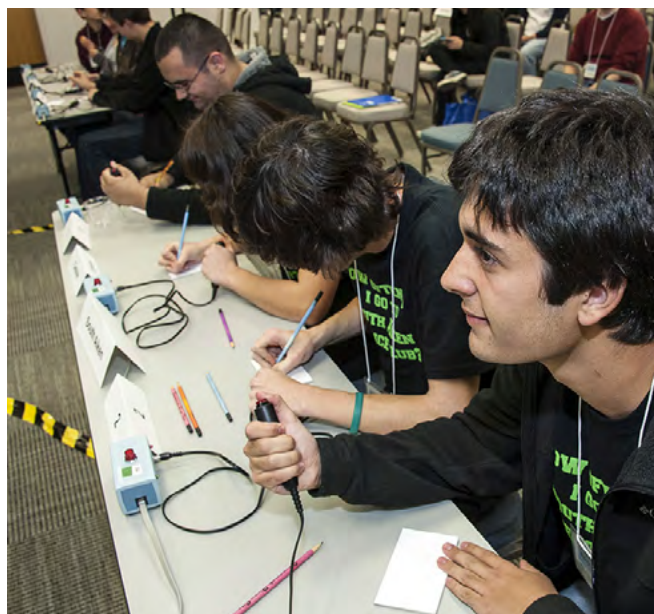
AIKEN, S.C. – (March 4, 2015) – Managed by Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS), America's next generation of scientists and engineers recently put their knowledge to the test during the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Science Bowl® Regional Competition that attracts teams from across South Carolina and the greater Augusta area. Each team competed using a fast-paced verbal forum to solve technical problems and answered questions related to math and science, similar in format to the show "Jeopardy."

This year's highly competitive contest hosted 120 students from 18 high schools. It is the only educational event and academic competition of its kind that tests students' knowledge in all areas of science and is sponsored by a Federal agency.

Science Bowl teams consist of four students, an alternate and a teacher/coach. Typically, months of practice are required before the competition.

According to Candice Dermody, SRNS Education Outreach and Talent Management Manager, this competition tests the student's science and mathematics skills under pressure. "Their work ethic and dedication to winning is impressive," said Dermody. "Nerves are stretched thin throughout each phase of this intriguing contest of wills and use of collective knowledge."

This year's winning team, Dorman High School, will be rewarded with an all-expense



The South Aiken High School team at the 2015 Science Bowl Competition.

paid trip to the DOE National Science Bowl Competition to be held in Washington, D.C., April 30-May 4. A part of the country's largest science tournament, the national event consists of several days of science activities, sightseeing and competitions. Teams enjoy the entire science bowl experience and take home many prizes. There are cutting-edge science seminars and hands-on science activities as well.

To reach the national level, U.S. teams must win one of 69 regional tournaments.

DOE created the National Science Bowl in 1991 to encourage students to excel in mathematics and science and to pursue careers in these fields. Approximately 240,000 students have participated in the National Science Bowl throughout its 24-year history, and it is one of the nation's largest science competitions.

Over the next several months, more than 9,500 high school students and 4,500 middle school students will compete in 70 high school and 50 middle school regional Science Bowl tournaments. The U.S. Department of Energy Office of Science manages the National Science Bowl and sponsors the NSB finals competition.

The Savannah River Site (SRS) is one of only four DOE sites to have participated each year at the regional level since the start of the Science Bowl competition.

"The Department of Energy continues to invest in area school systems through the use of academic competition," said David Moody, Manager, DOE-Savannah River Operations Office. "For years, the Science Bowl has been an excellent way to focus attention on the importance of science and to spotlight the capabilities of our brightest students."

The DOE Savannah River Operations Office provides a variety of science and literacy outreach programs at the Savannah River Site by funding and coordinating the efforts of several organizations.

The primary goals of these outreach programs are to enhance interest in science, mathematics, engineering and technology and to support improvements in education in the Central Savannah River Area by using the unique resources available at the SRS.

Winning schools:

1st Place Dorman High School. Team 1
2nd Place Greenbrier High School. Team 1
3rd Place Lakeside High School. Team 1

Participating schools:

Andrew Jackson High	Team 1	Kershaw	South Carolina
Augusta Area Home Schoolers	Team 1	Augusta	Georgia
Augusta Preparatory Day School	Team 1	Martinez	Georgia
Davidson Magnet School	Team 1	Augusta	Georgia
Davidson Magnet School	Team 2	Augusta	Georgia
Dorman High	Team 1	Roebuck	South Carolina
Evans High School	Team 1	Evans	Georgia
Evans High School	Team 2	Evans	Georgia
Greenbrier High School	Team 1	Evans	Georgia
Greenbrier High School	Team 2	Evans	Georgia
Grovetown High School	Team 1	Grovetown	Georgia
Hephzibah High School	Team 1	Hephzibah	Georgia
Hillcrest High	Team 1	Simpsonville	South Carolina
Irmo High	Team 1	Columbia	South Carolina
Lakeside High School	Team 1	Evans	Georgia
Lakeside High School	Team 2	Evans	Georgia
Midland Valley High	Team 1	Graniteville	South Carolina
Palmetto High	Team 1	Williamston	South Carolina
Richmond County Technical Career Magnet Sch.	Team 1	Augusta	Georgia
Richmond County Technical Career Magnet Sch.	Team 2	Augusta	Georgia
South Aiken High	Team 1	Aiken	South Carolina
Southside High	Team 1	Greenville	South Carolina
Westminster Schools Of Augusta	Team 1	Augusta	Georgia
Westminster Schools Of Augusta	Team 2	Augusta	Georgia

The SRS Science Bowl event is one of the 10 SRNS Outreach Programs managed by Candice Dermody offered to the CSRA K-12 teachers and students.

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