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**NEWS RELEASE:**  
***Oregon students had winning formula in BPA Science Bowl***

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**PORTLAND, Ore.** – Lake Oswego Junior High edged out teams from Washington and Oregon for first place in the sixth annual BPA Middle School Science Bowl, Saturday, Feb. 7. Coached by Ori Polley, eighth graders J.T. Barnum, Matthew Rodger, Nicholas Vance, Mark Verheggen and Kristin Iverson defeated Scappoose Middle School's eighth grade team 110-66 in the championship match. Scappoose came up from the loser's bracket to take second place.

More than 40 teams of four participated in the round robin contest. Several teams battled in tie-breaker matches to determine who would compete in the double elimination matches. Highland Park Middle School team from Beaverton, Ore. took the third place title, and Athey Creek Middle School from West Linn, Ore. finished in fourth place.

The top seven students who answered the most questions in the round robin competition were named to an All-Star team. They are: John Blom, Floyd Light Middle School, Portland; Matthew Walsh, Northeast Portland Home School; John Collins, Wood Middle School, Wilsonville; Mark Verheggen, Lake Oswego Junior High; Andrew Krause, Athey Creek Middle School; Ben Sibelman, Whitford Middle School, Beaverton; David Richmond, Highland Park Middle School, Beaverton.

Infocus Systems donated a PowerView 820 Panel Display to the winning Middle School Science Bowl team. Other prizes included an airplane flight, courtesy of the Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 105; and windbreaker jackets. Trophies were presented to all individual team members and All-Stars.

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**For interviews with members of the top four teams, please contact the coaches listed below:**  
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