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Lakeridge High School wins BPA science bowl

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PORTLAND, Ore. – Lakeridge High School of Lake Oswego, Ore., claimed the Bonneville Power Administration Regional High School Science Bowl championship on Saturday, Feb. 27, for the second year in a row.

Over 60 teams from high schools in Oregon and Washington turned out for the round robin competition that took place at the University of Portland. Teams of five students each answered questions about astronomy, physics, math, computers, biology and earth sciences.

Two veteran Lakeridge team members, Kenji Sasaki and Daren Chow, returned to this year's competition. Their experience proved unbeatable.

Lakeridge science teacher Chris Laufer coaches the winning team made up of five students including Sasaki, Chow, Lana Chow, Adam Wright and Mike Smith. The Lakeridge team scored 108 points in the final match against Woodinville (Wash.) High School. The team won an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. in May to compete in the national science bowl.

Woodinville High School took second place; Sam Barlow High School in Gresham, Ore., captured third place; and North Marion High School in Aurora, Ore., finished fourth.

The top eight students who answered the most questions were named All-Stars. They are: Jason Bryant, Oregon City (Ore.) High School; Gwyneth Wilker, Riverdale High School in Marylhurst, Ore.; Jonathan Young, Cle Elum (Wash.) High School; Kenji Sasaki, Lakeridge High School in Lake Oswego, Ore.; Chris Rombough, North Marion High School in Aurora, Ore.; Patrick Lew, South Albany (Ore.) High School; Paul Pigersky, Wilson High School in Portland, Ore.; and Luke Baumgarten, Riverside High School in Chattaroy, Wash.

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