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## *Kentridge High School takes second in BPA high school science bowl*

*Brain-to-brain competition yields one champion, many winners*

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**Portland, Ore.** – Kentridge High School finished second in the Bonneville Power Administration's 2000 Regional High School Science Bowl, Saturday, Feb. 26. Kentridge outperformed 63 other teams of academically elite high school students from Washington and Oregon before losing to Glencoe High School in the second match of the championship round.

BPA's Regional Science Bowls are one-day academic team competitions that recognize students' knowledge of science, math, computer-related technology and current events. Two bowls are held annually, one for middle schools and one for high schools. The competitions, which are modeled after television quiz shows, also are designed to encourage more participation in mathematics and science courses and careers, especially among populations underrepresented in these fields.

Students from Kentridge gave the Glencoe team a run for its money. They beat Glencoe in the first championship match, delivering the undefeated Glencoe team its first loss of the day. In the second round, Kentridge couldn't muster enough correct answers to overtake the Glencoe team's early lead. Kentridge lost to the Hillsboro, Ore., team 94-82.

Glencoe will advance to the National Science Bowl<sup>®</sup> competition sponsored by the Department of Energy May 5-8 in Chevy Chase, Md. Redmond High School of Redmond, Wash., and North Medford High School of Medford, Ore., took third and fourth places respectively.

"For most of these kids, peer recognition for their academic ability is nonexistent," said Derrol Johns, BPA's science bowl coordinator. "This competition is one of few opportunities for these academically gifted students to be recognized on par with athletically gifted students. It's great to see their excitement and enthusiasm."

The Kentridge Team included Gautam Raghavan, 18; Mike Lapolli, 18; Jeff Kimes, 17; Vinay Kapadia, 16; and Jesse Young, 15.

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