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North Medford High School takes fourth in BPA high school science bowl

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

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Portland, Ore. – North Medford High School finished fourth in the Bonneville Power Administration 2000 Regional High School Science Bowl, Saturday, Feb. 26. Sixty-four teams of academically elite high school students from Washington and Oregon competed for the championship and a chance to compete in the national competition in Maryland.

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.

Glencoe High School Team B won this year's competition. The Hillsboro, Ore., team will advance to the National Science Bowl[®] competition sponsored by the Department of Energy May 5-8 in Chevy Chase, Md. Kentridge High School of Kent, Wash., took second place. Redmond High School of Redmond, Wash., took third.

"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."

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