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Area High School Teams Compete during DOE's National Science Bowl® Regional Championship: Lakeside and Evans High School Finish Second and Third — Dorman Wins

AIKEN, S.C. – Feb. 25, 2013 – Using a format similar to the television show “Jeopardy,” America’s next generation of scientists and engineers put their knowledge to the test at the University of South Carolina Aiken during the DOE National Science Bowl regional competition this past weekend. High School teams from across South Carolina and the greater Augusta, Ga. area relied on their collective knowledge as they participated in one of the country’s largest science tournaments.

This regional competition, managed by Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS), hosted 120 high school students from 12 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 SRNS Education Outreach Manager Candice Dermody, this is not an easy competition, and it really tests the student’s science and mathematics skills



DOE's National Science Bowl® Regional Championship: Lakeside High School vs. Dorman High School

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under pressure. “You could feel the tension in the air,” said Dermody. “These students are always intensely committed to winning it all for their school and teammates.”

Last year’s regional champion Lakeside High School, Evans, Ga., returned this year in an attempt to defend their title against a strong field of teams primarily from the Aiken, Columbia and Augusta areas, but were bested by Dorman High School from Spartanburg County.

Lakeside finished second and Evans High School was third.

The Dorman team will attend the Department of Energy’s (DOE) National Science Bowl Competition to be held in Washington, D.C., April 25-29.

To reach the national level, teams must win one of 69 regional tournaments. The regional champion teams then receive a trip to the nation’s capital to tour museums and participate in Science Day seminars, in addition to being tested against the best during the national competition.

DOE created the National Science Bowl in 1991 to encourage students to excel in mathematics and science and to pursue careers in these fields. More than 225,000 students have participated in the National Science Bowl throughout its 22-year history.

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 United States Department of Energy 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 Site.

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