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Local Students Compete at National Science Bowl

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Students from Acalanes, Campolindo, and Miramonte high schools participated in the National Finals of the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Science's National Science Bowl Jan. 25 at Los Positas College in Livermore. The Office of Science began this competition to interest today's youth in pursuing careers in science and math. The winner of the regional competition received an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. to compete in the Office of Science's National Science Bowl in late April. The winner of the national competition will win prizes for the team members and their schools. More than 225,000 students have participated in the annual event since it was created in 1991. During the competitions, teams of four students faced off against one another in a fast-paced, question and answer format. They were challenged to solve mathematical problems and

were tested on their knowledge of a wide range of disciplines including astronomy, biology, earth science and physics. Questions included, "What planet has the greatest variation in temperature over a single one of its planetary days?" and "What is the most common term in physics for the product of mass times velocity?" For more information about the National Science Bowl, go to <http://science.energy.gov/wdts/nsb/>.

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