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Science Infinity Team 1 Wins 2013 Northwest Regional Science Bowl

Spokane, Washington.— Science Infinity Club Team 1 from Bellevue, WA won the Inland Northwest Regional Science Bowl Mar. 2 at Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington.

The winning team, including Team Captain Kartik Iyer (International Community School, Kirkland), Tejas Bharadwaj (Evergreen Middle School), Saransh Kacharia (Redmond Middle School), Rahul Nene (Redmond Middle School) and Vishnu Rathnam (Chief Kanim Middle School) and Coach Vidya Iyer advances to Washington, DC, April 25-29th to compete against more than 77 other regional winners in the national finals of the Department of Energy's National Science Bowl.



Pictured: Vidya Iyer (Coach), Vishnu Rathnam, Rahul Nene, Kartik Iyer, Saransh Kacharia, Tejas Bhardwaj, and Kaye E. Kamp (Regional NSB Coordinator)

Science Infinity Team 2 from Bellevue, WA consisting of Team captain Neha Nagvekar, Rahul Chaliparambil, Veena Kollipara, Maya Rajavel, Sethu Thirumal with Coach Neeta Nagvekar won the second place and Lincoln Middle School Team 1, Pullman, WA finished third in the regionals.

Twenty six teams from middle schools across Washington and north Idaho competed for the regional title. Many of these teams spent months preparing for this regional event, which features head-to-head fast-paced, buzzer style competition similar to Jeopardy. The students competed to be the first to answer questions on all science disciplines including astronomy, biology, chemistry, earth science, mathematics and physics, as well as energy.

This is the 9th year for the <u>Inland Northwest Regional Science Bowl</u> hosted by Whitworth University. This

is the second year students from Science Infinity Club win the regional competition. Last year the students from Science Infinity club were placed third nationally.

Science Infinity Club (www.scienceinfinity.org) is a non-profit organization formed to:

- Prepare students for academic excellence in science through coaching, on-the-go interactions and competitions with other like-minded students
- Develop young leaders by providing leadership roles and opportunities to achieve the current mission.
- Raise the bar in science education and research

A featured event at the National Finals for middle school students, the Model Car Challenge invites students to design, build, and race model cars. This competition tests the creative engineering skills of many of the brightest math and science students in the nation as they gain hands-on experience in the automotive design process and with electric battery technology.



The Department of Energy (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, and it is one of the nation's largest science competitions. Find more details on the <u>National Science Bowl</u>.