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SOLON HIGH SCHOOL AND SOLON MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAMS REPEAT AS CHAMPIONS AT THE 2013 SCIENCE OLYMPIAD NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

DAYTON, Ohio, May 19, 2013 — A team of high school students from Solon High School and a team of middle school students from Solon Middle School took top honors in the 2013 Science Olympiad National Tournament, held Saturday, May 18 on the Wright State University campus, making history with back-to-back-to-back wins.

One of the nation’s most prestigious science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) competitions, Science Olympiad brings together 120 winning middle school and high school teams advancing from state-level competitions this spring. Rigorous hands-on and lab events like MagLev, Disease Detectives, Gravity Vehicle, Dynamic Planet, Rotor Egg Drop and Water Quality covered topics in physics, epidemiology, astronomy, chemistry, biology and engineering. Awards are given for the best overall team score and individual scores in each event.

Other top high school (Division C) winners at the national tournament include:

Second: Harriton HS, Rosemont, Pennsylvania

Third: Troy HS, Fullerton, California

Fourth: Centerville HS, Centerville, Ohio


Sixth: Seven Lakes HS, Katy, Texas
Seventh: Mounds View HS, Arden Hills, Minnesota

Eighth: Fayetteville Manlius HS, Manlius, New York

Ninth: Stevenson HS, Lincolnshire, Illinois

Tenth: New Trier HS, Winnetka, Illinois

Other top middle school (Division B) winners at the national tournament include:

Second: Daniel Wright JHS, Lincolnshire, Illinois

Third: Marie Murphy MS, Wilmette, Illinois

Fourth: Meads Mill MS, Northville, Michigan

Fifth: Winston Churchill MS, Carmichael, California

Sixth: Mentor Memorial MS, Mentor, Ohio

Seventh: Beckendorff JHS, Katy, Texas

Eighth: Paul J. Gelinas JHS, Setauket, New York

Ninth: Muscatel MS, Rosemead, California

Tenth: Eagle Hill MS, Manlius, New York

Each gold medal winner in an individual event and each member of the first-place teams in both middle and high school won a renewable scholarship to Wright State University.

In addition, teams from St. John Berchmans School from Shreveport, Louisiana, and Tampa Prep High School from Tampa, Florida, earned the 2013 Spirit Award, which recognizes schools whose team members exhibit exemplary sportsmanship, teamwork, team spirit and respect. A full list of 2013 national tournament award recipients and official tournament results, including event-by-event scoring, is available at:

http://www.soinc.org/2013_national_tournament
"These winning teams exemplify the best America has to offer in science, technology, engineering and math," says Dr. Gerard Putz, Science Olympiad president and co-founder. "We are proud of their achievements and know their schools and communities will welcome them home like champions."

Science Olympiad also welcomed its Global Ambassador Team from Japan to the National Tournament. Since 2009, Science Olympiad has worked with the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) and the Ministry for Education (MEXT) to share best practices and science content. In 2013, JST hosted its second annual Japan High School Science Championships (JHSSC), crowning winners from the Aichi Prefectural Okazaki High School. The Grand Prize for the competition is a trip to visit the National Tournament, where Japanese students met their American peers and participated as guests in selected Science Olympiad events.

Local sponsors of the 2013 Science Olympiad National Tournament are the Wright State Research Institute, Anthem, PNC, Teradata, and Jayna, Inc. Science Olympiad is supported nationally by Lockheed Martin, Texas Instruments, U.S. Air Force, Centers for Disease Control (CDC), U.S. Army ROTC, Discovery Education, DuPont, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Ward’s Science, Academy of Model Aeronautics, MAKE magazine, Society for Neuroscience and the VWR Foundation.

Science Olympiad is a Chicago-area-based national nonprofit organization founded in 1984. It is dedicated to improving the quality of K–12 STEM education, increasing student interest in science, creating a technologically literate workforce and providing recognition for outstanding achievement by both students and teachers. Nearly 200,000 students on 6,800 teams from all 50 states competed in 350 regional, state and national Science Olympiad tournaments last year.

Wright State is a Carnegie-classified research university. Its main campus is 12 miles northeast of downtown Dayton, Ohio, near the historic landmarks where the Wright brothers taught the world to fly. Wright State serves nearly 18,000 students, has awarded about 100,000 degrees and offers 192 undergraduate, graduate, doctoral, and professional degree programs through eight colleges and three schools.

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