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**MIRA LOMA HIGH SCHOOL AND DANIEL WRIGHT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS CROWNED
CHAMPIONS AT 32ND ANNUAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD NATIONAL TOURNAMENT –
FIRST NATIONAL WIN FOR BOTH TEAMS IN SCHOOL HISTORY**

MENOMONIE — Student teams from Mira Loma High School in Sacramento, California and Daniel Wright Junior High School in Lincolnshire, Illinois, took top honors at the 32nd Annual Science Olympiad National Tournament at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, on Saturday, May 21, 2016. "These winning teams exemplify the best America has to offer in science, technology, engineering and math," says 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."

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 led by experts from government agencies, top universities, industry and Science Olympiad state chapters cover topics in robotics, physics, epidemiology, astronomy, chemistry, meteorology, coding and engineering. A full list of 2016 national tournament award recipients and official tournament results, including event-by-event scoring is posted here:

http://soinc.org/2016_national_tournament

Other **top high school (Division C) winners** at the National Tournament include:

- Second: Harriton High School, Rosemont, Pennsylvania
- Third: Seven Lakes High School, Katy, Texas
- Fourth: Troy High School, Fullerton, California
- Fifth: Centerville High School, Centerville, Ohio
- Sixth: Adlai E. Stevenson High School, Lincolnshire, Illinois

- Seventh: Solon High School, Solon, OH
- Eighth: Northville High School, Northville, Michigan
- Ninth: Liberal Arts and Science Academy, Austin, Texas
- Tenth: Mounds View High School, Arden Hills, Minnesota

Other **top middle school (Division B) winners** at the National Tournament include:

- Second: Winston Churchill Middle School, Carmichael, California
- Third: Meads Mill Middle School, Northville, Michigan
- Fourth: Beckendorff Junior High School, Katy, Texas
- Fifth: Solon Middle School, Solon, Ohio
- Sixth: Magsig Middle School, Centerville, Ohio
- Seventh: Lakeshore Middle School, Grand Haven, Michigan
- Eighth: Marie Murphy School, Wilmette, Illinois
- Ninth: Muscatel Middle School, Rosemead, California
- Tenth: Paul J. Gelinus Junior High School, Setauket, New York

The University of Wisconsin-Stout awarded a one-time \$1,000 UW-Stout Polytechnic Scholarship to 2016 Science Olympiad National Tournament non-trial event gold medal winners in both Divisions B and C. The 15 members of the first place teams in both Division B and C received a \$3,000 UW-Stout Chancellor's Scholarship, renewable for \$1,500 for a second year, pending eligibility.

Teams from Galaxy Middle School in Florida and St. Mary's Academy in Oregon earned the 2016 Lockheed Martin Spirit Award (including \$2,000 for their team), which recognizes schools whose team members exhibit exemplary sportsmanship, teamwork, team spirit and respect that exemplify the spirit of Science Olympiad competition. In addition, Bala Cynwyd Middle School from Pennsylvania and Fossil Ridge High School from Colorado won the DuPont Team Enterprise Awards, recognizing a breakout performance by a team at the National Tournament.

Local sponsors of the 2016 Science Olympiad National Tournament include the University of Wisconsin-Stout, 3M, Xcel Energy, Stratasys, Mayo Clinic, Menomonie Army ROTC, UW-Madison, LazyBones, Wisconsin Science Olympiad, Menomonie Tourism, UW-Stout College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, UW-Stout School of Art and Design, UW-Stout Department Chemistry and Physics, UW-Stout Department of Biology, Stout University Foundation, UW-Stout Student Life Services, PepsiCo, Menomonie Lions Club, Big Dot of Happiness, Ellsworth Creamery, and Sailer's Meats. Science Olympiad is supported

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Science Olympiad is a Chicago-area-based national nonprofit organization founded in 1984 and 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. More than 225,000 students on 7,600 teams from all 50 states competed in 400 regional, state and national Science Olympiad tournaments last year.

UW-Stout, Wisconsin's Polytechnic University, has 9,535 students in 48 undergraduate majors and 23 graduate majors, including one doctoral degree. UW-Stout, established in 1891, prides itself on the success of its students in the workplace, with a graduate employment rate at or above 97 percent for recent graduates. The university was awarded the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality award in 2001.

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