MAISON HIGH SCHOOL AND KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAMS CROWNED CHAMPIONS AT 37th ANNUAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

May 24, OAKBROOK TERRACE, IL — Student teams from Mason High School in Mason, Ohio, and Kennedy Middle School from Cupertino, California, took top honors at the 37th Annual Science Olympiad National Tournament presented in partnership with Arizona State University on Saturday, May 22, 2021. It was the first national win for Mason High School and a back-to-back championship for Kennedy, which took the title at the last held National Tournament in 2019.

“This was a tournament like no other and we’re so proud of the way our entire Science Olympiad community adapted,” said Jennifer Kopach, CEO of Science Olympiad. “Congratulations go out to our championship teams for their achievement, resilience and collaborative spirit, and to their teachers and families for their incredible support all season.”

One of the nation’s most prestigious science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) competitions, Science Olympiad pivoted to a virtual, online format to bring together 120 winning middle school and high school teams advancing from state-level competitions this spring. Rigorous knowledge-based events led by experts from government agencies, top universities, industry and Science Olympiad state and alumni chapters covered topics in engineering, physics, epidemiology, astronomy, chemistry, meteorology and coding; hands-on and building events were run as video submissions or live video interviews. A full list of 2021 national tournament award recipients and official tournament results, including event-by-event scoring is posted here:

https://www.soinc.org/2021-national-tournament

Opening and Awards Ceremonies were streamed live on the Science Olympiad YouTube Channel:

https://www.youtube.com/user/ScienceOlympiadTV

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

- Second: Seven Lakes High School, Katy, Texas
- Third: Troy High School, Fullerton, California
- Fourth: Solon High School, Solon, Ohio
- Fifth: Acton-Boxborough Regional High School, Acton, Massachusetts
- Sixth: West Windsor Plainsboro South High School, West Windsor, New Jersey
- Seventh: Mountain View High School, Mountain View, California
- Eighth: William G. Enloe High School, Raleigh, North Carolina
- Ninth: Carmel High School, Carmel, Indiana
- Tenth: Adlai E. Stevenson High School, Lincolnshire, Illinois

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

- Second: Jeffrey Trail Middle School, Irvine, California
- Third: Solon Middle School, Solon, Ohio
- Fourth: Beckendorff Junior High School, Katy, Texas
- Fifth: Daniel Wright Junior High School, Lincolnshire, Illinois
- Sixth: Fulton Science Academy, Alpharetta, Georgia
- Seventh: Longfellow Middle School, Falls Church, Virginia
- Eighth: Piedmont IB Middle School, Charlotte, North Carolina
- Ninth: Community Middle School, Plainsboro, New Jersey
- Tenth: Paul J. Gelinas Junior High School, East Setauket, New York

In conjunction with the National Tournament, $50,000 in Founders’ Scholarships were awarded; five outstanding seniors each received $10,000 college scholarships for their achievements and service: Olivia Ma from Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Virginia; North Brubaker from Mat-Su Career and Technical High School in Alaska; Shourya Jasti from Fulton Science Academy in Georgia; Andrew Zhang from Syosset High School in New York; and Sneha Mohan from Stevenson High School in Illinois.

Teams from Townsend Harris High School in Flushing, New York, and Slauson Middle School in Ann Arbor, Michigan, earned the 2021 Lockheed Martin Spirit Award (including $2,000 for their team), which recognizes schools whose team members exhibit sportsmanship, teamwork, team spirit and respect that exemplifies the spirit of Science Olympiad competition.

As part of its Character and Citizenship in the Community (the 3C’s) and Smart to Be Good initiatives, Science Olympiad teams were encouraged to participate in a national service project to honor the city that would have hosted an in-person tournament; $5,695 was raised for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Reclamation Center to help
families fight hunger in the greater Phoenix area.

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