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**TROY HIGH SCHOOL AND KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAMS CROWNED  
CHAMPIONS AT 35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD NATIONAL TOURNAMENT  
*TROY HS BACK-TO-BACK-TO-BACK CHAMPS***

June 2, 2019 ITHACA, New York — Student teams from Troy High School in Fullerton, California, and Kennedy Middle School in Cupertino, California, took top honors at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Science Olympiad National Tournament at Cornell University on Saturday, June 1, 2019.

"We are proud of the achievements of these winning teams and know their schools and communities will welcome them home like champions," said Dr. Gerard Putz, Science Olympiad president and co-founder. "These students and teachers exemplify the best America has to offer."

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 past spring. Rigorous hands-on and lab events led by experts from government agencies, top universities, industry and Science Olympiad state chapters cover topics in engineering, physics, epidemiology, astronomy, chemistry, meteorology and coding. A full list of 2019 national tournament award recipients and official tournament results, including event-by-event scoring is posted here:

<https://www.soinc.org/2019-national-tournament>

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

- Second: Solon High School, Solon, Ohio
- Third: Harriton High School, Rosemont, Pennsylvania
- Fourth: Mason High School, Mason, Ohio
- Fifth: Pioneer High School, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- Sixth: Stevenson High School, Lincolnshire, Illinois
- Seventh: Seven Lakes High School, Katy, Texas
- Eighth: New Trier High School, Wilmette, Illinois

- Ninth: Acton-Boxborough Regional High School, Acton, Massachusetts
- Tenth: Northville High School, Northville, Michigan

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

- Second: Solon Middle School, Solon, Ohio
- Third: Community Middle School, Plainsboro, New Jersey
- Fourth: Beckendorff Junior High School, Katy, Texas
- Fifth: Daniel Wright Junior High School, Lincolnshire, Illinois
- Sixth: Kraemer Middle School, Placentia, California
- Seventh: Springhouse Middle School, Allentown, Pennsylvania
- Eighth: Longfellow Middle School, Falls Church, Virginia
- Ninth: Paul J. Gelinus Junior High School, East Setauket, New York
- Tenth: Lakeshore Middle School, Grand Haven, Michigan

Four outstanding Science Olympiad students were chosen to receive \$10,000 Founders' Scholarships for their achievements and service: Satvik Kumar from Carmel High School in Indiana, Merline Feero from Waterville High School in Maine, David Avery Parr from Harriton High School in Pennsylvania and Kylee Rinker from Fossil Ridge High School in Colorado.

Teams from Harlan Rowe Middle School in Athens, Pennsylvania and Cathedral High School in Natchez, Mississippi, earned the 2019 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. In addition, Ladue Middle School in St. Louis, Missouri and West Windsor Plainsboro High School South in West Windsor, New Jersey, won the Corteva Agriscience Enterprise Awards, recognizing a breakout performance by a team at the National Tournament.

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Neuroscience (SfN), Yale Young Global Scholars, Digital Manufacturing and Design Innovation Institute (DMDII), Hardware Science, Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST), Million Women Mentors (MWM), Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) and Code.org. Local supporting sponsors are Cornell University, Lockheed Martin, New York Science Olympiad, Cornell College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Syracuse University, Cornell Engineering, the Cornell College of Arts and Sciences and Cornell Computer and Information Science.

Science Olympiad is a national nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve quality of science education, increase interest in science, attract more students to science careers, foster teamwork, emphasize the problem-solving aspects of science, and develop a technologically literate workforce. It has produced a generation of alumni who fill the hallways of top universities and corporations around the globe.

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