

News Release: Oxon Hill and University Park Win Science Bowl

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UPPER MARLBORO, MD – Oxon Hill Middle School and University Park Elementary School emerged as champions after winning their final rounds in the 2015 Science Bowl Competition. Both teams received plaques for every team member and one to display in their school, and all students received Audubon Field Guides.

“Students on these winning teams worked extremely hard to reach the championship level,” said Dr. Kevin M. Maxwell, Chief Executive Officer. “Their mastery of science is a tremendous achievement, and we are very proud of them.”

The 29th season of Science Bowl ended in both surprise and tradition. Oxon Hill Middle School – a long-time competitor in the competition – won its first-ever championship, and University Park Elementary School built on its reputation for having the most wins in the elementary division.

Oxon Hill won a challenging final middle school round on March 17 with reigning champion Kenmoor, with a final score of 280. The Oxon Hill team included Thomas Panteli, Antonio Sosa, Matthew Mina, and alternate Carmela Sambells, and was coached by Special Education Teacher Titus Muniz.

Emerging victorious from a field of 39 other elementary schools, University Park won the elementary crown for the sixth time on March 30, with a score of 285 in the final round with Perrywood. This was University Park's first win since 2012. Long-time coach and science teacher Geoff Favero prepared a winning team that included Margo Motsek, Gabi Holzer, Orla Collins, and alternates Emily Neher, Sean Leonard, Abbie Coleman, and Ryley Komisar Bary.

Science Bowl is the award-winning science quiz program of Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS), and is hosted by Dave Zahren, Senior Television Specialist. Competitions are taped live at the PGCPS Channel 96/38 studios in the Bonnie F. Johns Educational Media Center in Landover. More than 7,500 children have appeared on Science Bowl since its start in 1986. Science Bowl has also won numerous awards for outstanding children's programming, including the Telly and CableAce, and can be viewed on Channels 96 (Comcast) and 38 (Verizon) or on YouTube.