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State Board Recognizes Winning National Science Olympiad Team

The State Board of Education today recognized the West Windsor Plainsboro Community Middle School science team for receiving first place honors at the 2005 National Science Olympiad held at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

"As a professor in Cell and Neurobiology at Rutgers University, I am most pleased by the excellent performance of these science Olympians," added State Board President Arnold G. Hyndman. "By winning first place overall and first in two individual categories, the students, parents, and teachers of this West Windsor Plainsboro Community Middle School have demonstrated academic achievement and a level of discipline of which all New Jersey can be proud."

"At one of the pre-eminent science and technology institutions of higher learning, the West Windsor Plainsboro Community Middle School science team bested over 100 other teams from across the nation," stated Commissioner of Education William L. Librera. "Their success shows that this department is on the right path in our efforts to increase scientific literacy and establish stronger teaching and learning standards throughout the entire state."

The West Windsor Plainsboro Community Middle School won first place in the middle school division of the National Science Olympiad and finished first in two individual categories as well: fossils and meteorology.

More than 2,400 students in middle school and high school competed in the 21st annual Olympiad held on May 20th and 21st of this year. The participating students competed in more than three dozen events, such as bridge building, computing, chemistry and astronomy.

Winning middle school students this year who ultimately apply and are accepted into the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign after their senior year in high school, will receive a \$2,000 annual scholarship each of their four years as undergraduates.

Each month during the school year, the State Board of Education honors a student or group of students from a county in New Jersey to recognize academic excellence. In June, the State Board of Education recognized Stephen Slowinski, a senior at Monmouth Regional High School in Monmouth County

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