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Caguas Students Win National Science Bowl® Regional Competition, Secure Spot in National Finals

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A team of middle school students from Caguas, Puerto Rico won their regional competition for the 2021 National Science Bowl® (NSB) this past weekend and will compete in the NSB National Finals this spring, the **U.S. Department of Energy** (DOE), who sponsors the NSB, announced today.

The NSB brings together thousands of middle and high school students from across the country to compete in a fast-paced question-and-answer format where they solve technical problems and answer questions on a range of science disciplines including biology, chemistry, Earth and space science, physics and math.

The team from your area that won their qualifying regional competition this past weekend and will be advancing to the National Finals is:

Colegio Católico Notre Dame, Caguas, Puerto Rico

A series of regional middle school and high school tournaments are being held across the country from January through March. Preliminary rounds will be held throughout April 2021 for all regional champions to determine the top 32 teams who will participate in the Elimination Tournament of the National Finals. The Elimination Tournament will be held virtually on Saturday, May 8, 2021, for middle school teams and Saturday, May 22, 2021, for high school teams.

All regional winning schools will receive $500 for their schools' STEM activities. The top 32 teams will receive additional funds for their schools, depending on how far they advance through the tournament, with the top 2 teams receiving $5,000 for their schools.

More than 315,000 students have participated in the National Science Bowl® in its 30-year history, and it is one of the nation's largest science competitions. More than 14,700 students compete in the NSB each year.

DOE's Office of Science manages the NSB Finals competition. More information is available on the NSB website: https://science.osti.gov/wdts/nsb.

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