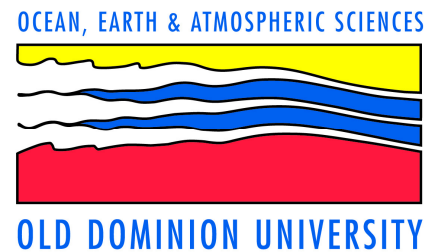




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Three Chesapeake Bay Governor's School Teams Compete in Virginia's 17th Annual Regional Ocean Science Bowl

Three teams of science students from two Chesapeake Bay Governor's School campuses competed in the **17th Annual Blue Crab Bowl**, a day-long marine science academic tournament held at the campus of Old Dominion University in Norfolk on February 1.

A team from the **Warsaw Campus won Third Place honors**. Coached by science teacher **Bethany Smith**, the **CBGS-Warsaw Team B** included: **Team Captain India Eguiguren** (Northumberland High School); and team members **James Ficklin** (Washington & Lee High); **John Richardson** (Lancaster High); and **Christian Tinsley** (Washington & Lee). The team received a Blue Crab Bowl Trophy and other prizes in recognition of their success.

Two other participating Governor's School teams participated. The **Warsaw-Team A**, coached by science teacher **Jim Beam** coached **Team Captain Jen Radcliffe** and team members **Christian Blue**, **Tyler Brooks**, **Nicholas Hipple**, and **Alexandra Pitman** (Northumberland High). The team from the **Glenns Campus**, coached by **Sara Beam**, included: **Team Captain Michael Venter** and members **Will Drumheller**, **Maloy Hudson**, and **Halie Maass**.

The three Chesapeake Bay Governor's School teams were among a field of fifteen teams, representing eleven Virginia high schools, facing off in this year's tournament. First place honors went to Bishop Sullivan High School's Team A from Virginia Beach. This team will represent Virginia at the National Ocean Sciences Bowl Finals Competition, May 1-4, in Seattle, Washington. Rounding out the top four winners were Seton School (Manassas) in Second Place and Bishop Sullivan Catholic High – Team B in Fourth Place.

The **Blue Crab Bowl** is a cooperative effort between Old Dominion University's Department of Ocean, Earth, and Atmospheric Sciences and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, College of William and Mary. Over 70 scientists, including faculty, staff and graduate students from both institutions and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration donated many hours of their time to ensure the success of this exciting event. Additionally, staff from ODU's Webb Center, Student Recreation Center and service organizations helped with set-up activities.

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The Blue Crab Bowl wouldn't be possible without the generous support of national, regional and local sponsors. Among them are: ODU's Department of Ocean Earth & Atmospheric Sciences; the Virginia Institute of Marine Science; Virginia Sea Grant and the Marine Advisory Program; Hampton Inn-Norfolk Naval Base; the Mid-Atlantic Marine Education Association and National Marine Educators Association; ODU's Office of University Events, Webb University Center; and the ODU Student Recreation Center.

Competing teams included:

Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School – Team A, Virginia Beach
Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School – Team B, Virginia Beach
Broadwater Academy – Team A, Exmore
Broadwater Academy – Team B, Exmore
Chesapeake Bay Governor's School, Glens Campus, Glens
Chesapeake Bay Governor's School, Warsaw Campus – Team A, Warsaw
Chesapeake Bay Governor's School, Warsaw Campus – Team B, Warsaw
Churchland High School, Portsmouth
Fauquier High School – Team A, Warrenton
Fauquier High School – Team B, Warrenton
Governor's School for Science & Technology, Hampton
Grafton High School, Yorktown
Isle of Wight Academy, Isle of Wight
Patrick Henry High School, Ashland
Seton School, Manassas

Virginia's **Blue Crab Bowl** was among the inaugural NOSB competitions in 1998. Designed to inspire and challenge high school students, NOSB contests like the Blue Crab Bowl test the competitors' knowledge of the marine sciences, covering the breadth of oceanography and maritime disciplines. **To date, the Blue Crab Bowl has involved nearly 1,400 of the Commonwealth's brightest science students from 52 public and private schools across Virginia.**

Using questions designed by marine scientists and educators, the contest tested students' knowledge of oceanography, geology, biology, maritime history and policy. Guided by their teacher coaches, students broadened their awareness and understanding of the oceans as they prepared for the competition. The Bowl provides a forum for students who excel in math and science to receive regional and national recognition for their diligence and talent. During Saturday's event, the competition started with a field of 15 teams, with four emerging as top contenders by late afternoon.

At the end of the grueling day, teams were recognized during the Awards Ceremony coordinated by Bowl Coordinators **Dr. Victoria Hill** from ODU and **Dr. Carol Hopper Brill**. Prizes were presented **Dr. Roger Harvey**, Chair of ODU's Department of Ocean, Earth and Atmospheric Science. The students were applauded for their accomplishments and encouraged to continue their studies in interdisciplinary marine sciences.

The winning team will represent Virginia in the national competition, facing other regional champions at the National finals, May 1-4, in Seattle, Washington. The National Ocean Science Bowl is a program of the Consortium for Ocean Leadership in Washington, DC. NOSB seeks to interest students in ocean science as a college major and potential career. During 2014, an expected 2,000 students from over 300 high schools from around the country will participate in this this seventeenth annual event.

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