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Chesapeake Bay Governor's School-Glenns Campus Takes Second at 14th Annual Regional Ocean Science Bowl

At the 14th Annual Blue Crab Bowl, held on February 26, the team from **Chesapeake Bay Governor's School-Glenns Campus** took 2nd Place honors at the day-long marine science quiz tournament held at Virginia Institute of Marine Science (Gloucester Point). Coached by science teacher **Sherry Pettyjohn**, the team includes: **Emma Marie Hepworth**, a junior at Gloucester High School; **Rachel Corrigan**, senior at Matthews High; Team Captain **Rebecca Walker**, a senior at Middlesex High; and **Henry Banks**, senior Middlesex High School.

This year's first place team, Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School (Virginia Beach), will compete in the National Ocean Science Bowl Competition, April 29 to May 1 in Galveston, Texas. Other top four winners in this year's competition included Chesapeake Bay Governor's School (Warsaw) in third and Broadwater Academy (Exmore) in fourth.

Sixteen teams were randomly chosen to compete in this year's tournament, the 14th Annual Blue Crab Bowl. Students who participate prepare through class work and extracurricular study with their science teachers, who serve as coaches. Students explore marine science topics, practice thinking on their feet, and develop team and analytical skills for the competitive quiz bowl setting.

The Blue Crab Bowl is Virginia's regional competition of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl and one of the 15 founding competitions. The Blue Crab Bowl aims to encourage students' understanding and awareness of ocean sciences, including oceanography, geology, biology, maritime history, and marine policy. The Blue Crab Bowl is the result cooperative effort between the Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences and Department of Ocean, Earth, and Atmospheric Sciences (Old Dominion University). More than 80 faculty, graduate students, research and support staff volunteer their time to officiate and manage the event.

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This year's Blue Crab Bowl was made possible by the sponsorship of national, regional, and local sponsors, including Virginia Institute of Marine Science and its Dean & Director's Office, Old Dominion University, VIMS Marine Advisory Program, Virginia Sea Grant, The Mariners' Museum (Newport News), Pizza Hut-Gloucester Point, Comfort Suites-Airport (Newport News), the VIMS Gift Shop, Mid-Atlantic Marine Education Association and National Marine Educators Association.

Competing teams included:

Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School – A Team, Virginia Beach
Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School – B Team, Virginia Beach
Broadwater Academy, Exmore
Chesapeake Bay Governor's School-Glenns Campus, Glenns
Chesapeake Bay Governor's School-Warsaw Campus, Warsaw
Churchland High School, Portsmouth
Fauquier High School, Warrenton
Fredericksburg Academy, Fredericksburg
Isle of Wight Academy, Isle of Wight
Louisa County High School, Mineral
Maury High School, Norfolk
Patrick Henry High School – A Team, Ashland
Patrick Henry High School – B Team, Ashland
Saint Christopher's School, Richmond
Seton School – A Team, Manassas
Seton School – B Team, Manassas

During the Awards Ceremony, all teams were recognized with awards presented by the leaders of the competitions two host institutions: **Dr. John Wells, Dean/Director of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science** and **Dr. Roger Harvey, Chair of ODU's Department of Ocean, Earth and Atmospheric Science**. They addressed the audience of 200, applauded the students' accomplishments and encouraged their continued studies in marine sciences.

For further information, please contact Dr. Carol Hopper Brill via phone at 804-684-7735, or e-mail chopper@vims.edu. Information about the **Blue Crab Bowl** is also available at www.vims.edu/bcb. For information on other competitions around the country and the National Ocean Science Bowl, visit www.nosb.org/.

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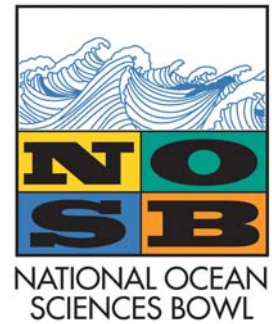
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