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Chesapeake Bay Governor's School Places Second in Virginia's 15th Annual Regional Ocean Science Bowl

Students from all three campuses of the Chesapeake Bay Governor's School -- Bowling Green, Glens and Warsaw -- competed in the in the Annual Blue Crab Bowl, a day-long marine science academic tournament held at Old Dominion University (ODU) in Norfolk on March 3.

The team from the **Glens Campus took Second Place honors. Coached by science teacher Sara Chaves Beam, the CBGS-Glens Campus Team included: Team Captain Emma Hepworth** (senior, Gloucester High); and team members **Alexys Gray** (junior, New Kent High); **Grayson Johnson** (senior, Middlesex High School); **Hans Saunders** (junior, Mathews High); and **Marissa Voight** (junior, King & Queen High). The team received a Blue Crab Bowl Trophy and other prizes in recognition of their success.

Also participating from the Chesapeake Bay Governor's School was a team from the **Bowling Green Campus. Coached by science teacher Dr. Eric Lund, this team included Team Captain Taylor Coxon, with team members Tahir Ahmad; Nathan Ball, Carlos Ortiz and Trevor Penkwitz.**

The third Chesapeake Bay Governor's School team was from the **Warsaw Campus. Science teachers Bethany Smith and Jim Beam coached Team Captain Bethany Pritchard and team members Jeremiah Brown, Karsten Coates, Meghan Frere, and Jennie Latane.**

This year's First Place team, Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School Team A from Virginia Beach, will compete in the National Ocean Science Bowl Competition, April 19-22, in Baltimore, Maryland. Other top placing teams were Seton School (Manassas) in Third Place and Grafton High School (Yorktown) in Fourth Place.

A total of sixteen teams competed in this year's tournament, the 15th 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. During Saturday's event, the competition started with a field of 16 teams, with four emerging as top contenders by late afternoon.

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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 the Department of Ocean, Earth, and Atmospheric Sciences at Old Dominion University. More than 70 faculty, graduate students, research and support staff volunteer their time to officiate and manage the event.

This year's Blue Crab Bowl was made possible by the sponsorship of national, regional, and local sponsors. Regional and local sponsors include ODU's Office of University Events, Webb University Center, ODU's Pretlow Planetarium, the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Virginia Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program, Leave Only Bubbles/What If Scientific, Hampton Inn-Naval Base Norfolk, Nauticus, the Mid-Atlantic Marine Education Association, and the National Marine Educators Association.

Competing teams included:

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

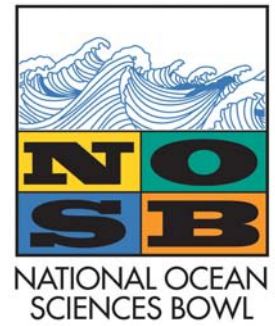
During the Awards Ceremony, all teams were recognized with awards presented by **Dr. Roger Harvey**, Chair of ODU's Department of Ocean, Earth and Atmospheric Science, **Dr. Victoria Hill**, ODU's Coordinator for the Blue Crab Bowl, and **Dr. Carol Hopper Brill**, Bowl Coordinator for the Virginia Institute of Marine Science. Dr. Harvey addressed the audience of close to 200, applauded the students' accomplishments and encouraged their continued studies in interdisciplinary marine sciences.

For further information, please contact Dr. Carol Hopper Brill via phone at 804-684-7735, 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/.

Attached: Photos and captions with team member identification.



BLUE CRAB BOWL 2012 WINNING TEAMS



2nd Place: Chesapeake Bay Governor's School - Glenns Coach Sara Chaves Beam

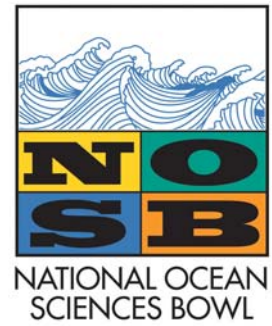


Second Place: Chesapeake Bay Governor's School – Glenns, VA

The Chesapeake Bay Governor's School - Glenns team captured **Second Place** in the 2012 Blue Crab Bowl. The 15th Annual Virginia Regional competition of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl was held at Old Dominion University on Saturday, March 3. Science teacher **Coach Sara Chaves Beam** (far left), has a winning history at the Bowl. This year's team members include, left to right: **Grayson Johnson** (senior, Middlesex High School); **Alexys Gray** (junior, New Kent High); **Team Captain Emma Hepworth** (senior, Gloucester High); **Marissa Voight** (junior, King & Queen High); and **Hans Saunders** (junior, Mathews High). Photo by Janet Krenn, Virginia Sea Grant, VIMS.



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PARTICIPATING TEAM: Chesapeake Bay Governor's School – Warsaw Campus



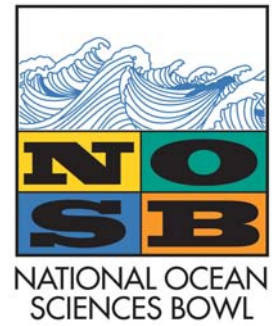
Chesapeake Bay Governor's School – Warsaw Campus

Students from **Chesapeake Bay Governor's School - Warsaw** took part in the **2012 Blue Crab Bowl**. The 15th Annual Virginia Regional competition of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl was held at Old Dominion University on Saturday, March 3. Coached by **science teacher Bethany Smith** (far right), team members included (from left to right): **Jeremiah Brown** (senior); **Jennie Latane** (senior); **Karsten Coates** (senior); **Meghan Frere** (junior); and **Team Captain Bethany Pritchard** (senior). Photo by Janet Krenn, Virginia Sea Grant, VIMS.

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BLUE CRAB BOWL 2012



PARTICIPATING TEAM: Chesapeake Bay Governor's School – Bowling Green



Chesapeake Bay Governor's School – Bowling Green

Students from **Chesapeake Bay Governor's School –Bowling Green** took part in the **2012 Blue Crab Bowl**. The 15th Annual Virginia Regional competition of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl was held at Old Dominion University on Saturday, March 3. Coached by **science teacher Eric Lund** (second from right), team members included (from left to right): **Trevor Penkwitz** (senior); **Carlos Ortiz** (senior); **Nathan Ball** (senior); **Team Captain Taylor Coxon** (senior); and (far right) **Tahir Ahmad** (senior). Photo by Janet Krenn, Virginia Sea Grant, VIMS.

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