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Gateway students selected to participate in Regional Science Bowl

Sixth-grader Srinandan Ramachandran and seventh-grader Dhruvik Parikh of Gateway Middle School have been selected to participate in the <u>Regional Science Bowl</u> to be held at Whitworth University, Spokane, Washington on March 2, 2013.

The Department of Energy (DOE) created the <u>National Science Bowl</u> in 1991 to encourage students to excel in mathematics and science and to pursue careers in these fields. More than 225,000 students have participated in the National Science Bowl throughout its 22 year history, and it is one of the nation's largest science competitions.

Over the next several months, more than 9,500 high school students and 4,500 middle school students will compete in 70 high school and 50 middle school regional Science Bowl tournaments.

The <u>National Science Bowl for Middle School Students</u> was started in 2002 and includes two types of competitions – an academic math and science competition and a model car race. In the academic competition, students are quizzed in a fast paced question-and-answer format similar to *Jeopardy*. Competing teams from diverse backgrounds include four students and one alternate. The car race gives students a "hands-on" science and engineering experience in which teams design, build and race their model cars.

Science Bowl competitions can be both positive and affirming for young students. It forges a community of peers with similar interests in scientific fields of study.

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