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Henry M. Jackson's Bio-Technology teams bring home awards again!



L-R: Hannah Cho, Natalie Weed, Lydia Kim, Heejoon Ahn, and Indira Rayala

Just returned from the [2014 National Technology Student Association \(TSA\) conference](#) in Washington D.C., Henry M. Jackson's teams are flush with trophies and a sense of accomplishment.

The school's bio-technology team took sixth place from among 6,800 competitors from around the country. With more than 60 science, technology, engineering and math competitive events over five days. [Rick Wigre](#), the schools TSA advisor announced, "Students Heejoon Ahn, Hannah Cho, Lydia Kim, Indira Rayala and Natalie Weed are to be congratulated for a job well done!"

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Peter Haugen and Sabrina Smith

The school's Music Production team placed in the semi-finals, with team members Sabrina Smith and Peter Haugen impressing the judges.

Not only did the Henry M. Jackson student competitors shine, they led the conference. Sri Nimmagadda is the national TSA vice president, and his brother Sai is treasurer. "They are the first Washington state students to hold a national office in TSA," notes Wigre.



Sri Nimmagadda, TSA vice president



Sai Nimmagadda, TSA treasurer

TSA is a national organization for students engaged in science, [technology](#), engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Open to young people enrolled in or who have completed technology [education courses](#), TSA's membership includes more than 200,000 middle and high school students in 2,000 schools spanning 48 states.

TSA partners with universities and other organizations to promote a variety of STEM competitions and opportunities for students and teachers. TSA is supported by educators, parents, and business leaders who understand the critical need for a technologically literate society. "From engineers to business managers, TSA alumni credit TSA with a positive influence in their lives," added Wigre, who coaches his students all year to succeed at regional and national TSA events.

The 2014 national conference, themed *The Spirit of Innovation*, was the largest in the history of the organization, "What a credit it is to our students, school and district to have students lead the group and do so well in competition with thousands of others from across the nation," said principal Dave Peters.

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