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Ten High Schools Compete in Annual Orca Bowl Event, Feb. 9 at UW Seattle Campus

On Saturday, Feb. 9, students from 10 Washington high schools will engage in a day of friendly competition and exciting science at the Washington State Ocean Sciences Bowl, or Orca Bowl.

Held on the University of Washington's Seattle campus, this Jeopardy-style academic competition attracts teams from across the state. Each team will answer rapid-fire questions about the biology, chemistry, geology, physics, history and economics of the world's oceans. The winning team will receive an all-expenses paid trip to Seward, Alaska, and the chance to compete in the national competition held in April.

Orca Bowl is hosted by Washington Sea Grant and the UW College of Ocean and Fishery Sciences, with assistance from other UW programs, the Consortium for Ocean Leadership, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, The Seattle Aquarium, and Foss Maritime, Hotel Nexus and other area businesses.

Join us in cheering the teams at this year's Orca Bowl!

When: Saturday, Feb. 9, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Where: South Campus Center, University of Washington, Seattle.

Who: Ballard High School; Castle Rock High School; ExCEL Academic League, Vancouver, Wash. (two teams); Friday Harbor High School; Garfield High School (two teams); Mossyrock High School; Ocean Research College Academy, Everett; Riverside High School (two teams); Sedro-Woolley High School (two teams); Winlock High

School.

The National Ocean Sciences Bowl is a program of the Consortium for Ocean Leadership, based in Washington, DC. Approximately 2,000 students from over 400 high schools participated in regional competitions this year. Through this educational forum, the NOSB strives to encourage and support the next generation of marine scientists, policy makers, teachers, explorers, researchers, technicians, environmental advocates and informed citizens.

Part of the University of Washington's College of Ocean and Fishery Sciences, Washington Sea Grant, funds marine research and works with communities and businesses to manage and protect marine resources.