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Seattle’s Garfield High School Captures Top Prize at 16th Annual Orca Bowl

In a nail-biting final double elimination match, students from Garfield High School in Seattle, Wash., captured first place at the annual Orca Bowl competition on Feb. 23.

Orca Bowl is hosted by Washington Sea Grant and the University of Washington’s College of the Environment. This year, the academic challenge event attracted a total of 20 teams from around the state. The Washington competition is one of 25 being held throughout the nation this month.

The Garfield students proved outstanding in a round-robin series of competitions against the other teams, answering difficult, rapid-fire questions about ocean biology, chemistry, geology, physics, history and policy. The team members were Helen Ippolito, Sydney Tiemann, Allie Warren and Laura Watson. Garfield marine science teacher Jonathan Stever was the coach.

As state champion, the Garfield team earned the opportunity to travel to Milwaukee, Wis., to compete in the National Ocean Sciences Bowl in April.

More information about Orca Bowl is available at http://www.wsg.washington.edu/education/events/orca.html

The National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB) is a program of the Consortium for Ocean Leadership, based in Washington, D.C. About 2,000 students from more than 300 high schools were expected to participate 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.

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Garfield High School’s winning Orca Bowl team, pictured at the Seattle Aquarium. Left to right: Allie Warren, Laura Watson, Helen Ippolito, Sidney Tiemann, Coach Jonathan Stever.