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GREENBELT MS AND MAGNOLIA ES WIN SCIENCE BOWL CHAMPIONSHIPS

UPPER MARLBORO, MD – Magnolia Elementary School and Greenbelt Middle School emerged as champions after winning their final rounds in the 2016 Science Bowl Competition. Both teams received plaques for every team member and one to display in their school, and all students received Audubon Field Guides.

"I am very proud of these winning teams,"said Dr. Kevin M. Maxwell, Chief Executive Officer. "Students and coaches worked hard to get to the championship level, and have certainly demonstrated their mastery of science."

This year was a landmark year for Science Bowl, which celebrated its 30th season of providing a fun and exciting venue for students to shine in science. In the final rounds, Magnolia Elementary School celebrated its second win in the elementary division, and Greenbelt Middle School – a long-time competitor in the competition – won its first-ever championship.

In a dramatic finish on March 16, Magnolia edged out University Park, the reigning champion, by just five points, 210-205. It is Magnolia's second championship and its first since 2010. Coach Robert Allen prepared a winning team that included Keon Groves, Kobe Marshall, and Dustin Navarossa. Alternates included Briana Adams, Ababacar Diao, Taslim Raji, and Nkyron Hicks.

Greenbelt won the final round on April 5 with Martin L. King, Jr. with a final score of 255-180. The Greenbelt team included seventh-grader Alexander Swisdak, and eighth-graders Chidimma Nbubuisi-Oluavu, Onome Efe-Aluebhosele, and alternate Ryan Mbuashu-Ndip. Santosh Gupta and Antoinette Glenn coached the team.

Science Bowl is the award-winning science quiz program of Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS), and is hosted by Dave Zahren, Senior Television Specialist. Competitions are taped live at the PGCPS Channel 96/38 studios in the Bonnie F. Johns Educational Media Center in Landover. More than 7,500 children have appeared on Science Bowl since its start in 1986. Science Bowl has also won numerous awards for outstanding children's programming, including the Telly and CableAce. You can watch the show on Channels 96 (Comcast) and 38 (Verizon) or onYouTube.

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About PGCPS: Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) is one of the nation's 25 largest school districts, with 209 schools and centers, more than 128,000 students, and nearly 19,000 employees. With an annual budget of $1.79 billion, the district serves a diverse student population from urban, suburban, and rural communities. PGCPS offers a wide variety of innovative academic programs, including language immersion, high school career academies, and dual enrollment. Its location just outside of Washington, D.C. enables the district to partner with higher education and local and national agencies and businesses to provide unique learning opportunities for students.

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