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Spring Valley High School cinches first-place in Lake Sturgeon Bowl

MILWAUKEE—At long last, Spring Valley High School took first place when 24 teams competed at the UWM School of Continuing Education during the Lake Sturgeon Bowl, the regional qualifying round of the National Ocean Science Bowl (NOSB) on Sat., Feb. 9 in Milwaukee.

As the winning team’s captain, Sarah Sortedal worked closely with her teammates Claire Arneson, Ashley Emen, Rex Gould and Tyler O’Keefe, along with Sophie Koch, who was the alternate, to secure their long sought victory.

For five years running, Spring Valley consistently placed second, predictably behind Marshfield High School, their chief rival, the team that then went on to win four national titles from 2009-2012.

Not this year.

Other teams that had strong finishes are: Sauk Prairie High School, second place; Appleton West High School, third place; Luxemburg-Casco High School, Gold Division fourth place; Stevens Point Area Senior High School (SPASH), Gold Division Sportsmanship; Tenor High School Team B, Silver Division Winner; and Professional Learning Institute (PLI), Silver Division Sportsmanship.

Spring Valley Coach Michele Huppert now anticipates taking her winning team to the sixteenth Annual National Ocean Sciences Bowl at the UWM School of Continuing Education on April 18-21. They will compete against 24 other regional champions who will also receive all-expense paid trips to Milwaukee.

A variety of prizes for teams and coaches are awarded at both the regional and national bowls. Lake Sturgeon Bowl prizes in 2012 included a trip to Baltimore, MD; field trips aboard the research vessel NeesKay; classroom equipment; gift certificates; and more. All participants win individual and team prizes.
The NOSB is a program of the Consortium for Ocean Leadership based in Washington, D.C. 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, to be stewards of the ocean.

Many past NOSB participants have moved on to pursue college degrees and careers in ocean science. In 2013, approximately, 2000 students from over 300 high schools will participate.

The National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB) sponsors the Lake Sturgeon Bowl, which is coordinated by the UWM School of Continuing Education, UWM Great Lakes WATER Institute and the UW Sea Grant Advisory Services. Other sponsors: Brunswick Foundation? WE Energy Foundation? Over 100 local scientists and other experts officiate. For more information, visit www.nosb.org

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