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Harrisburg Academy Students Excel at Regional Science Competitions

WORMLEYSBURG, PA – More than 20 Harrisburg Academy students have found success at several recent regional science competitions. With lab science beginning in Kindergarten, these outcomes demonstrate strength in the depth and breadth of knowledge in STEM subjects among the Academy's Middle and Upper School students. The Academy is proud to recognize the efforts of its students and their teachers at the following four competitions:

Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS)

Feb. 25, 2017 | Harrisburg, PA

PJAS is an organization designed to promote interest and participation in math and science. Harrisburg Academy's student results at the recent PJAS regional science fair competition included seven awards with three 1st award winners (who advanced to the state competition at Penn State University).

- 1st award winners: **Praneeta B. '21, Dalia S. '20, and Becky S. '22**
- 2nd award winners: **Devin D. '19, Adele H. '22, Emma H. '22, and Alex S. '22**

VEX Robotics Competition

March 4, 2017 | Norristown, PA

VEX Robotics sponsors STEM competitions at regional, state, and national levels in which teams of students design and build a robot to compete against other teams in challenges. The Spartan Robotics team, The Fighting Chickens (**Max M. '19, Henry N. '19, Alec W. '19**), and its robot, El Diablo, competed in the VEX Robotics Eastern PA State Championships. The team won 5-3 in the qualifying contests and was ranked 8th out of 30 teams. The Fighting Chickens advanced to the semi-finals and finished in 4th place.

Science Olympiad

March 25, 2017 | Millersville, PA

Science Olympiad is an international organization dedicated to increasing interest in the sciences among students. More than 700 middle school and high school scientists competed for awards at the regional event; Harrisburg Academy students placed in two categories:

- **Alex S. '22** was awarded 1st prize (gold) in Meteorology
- **Nemo D. '22** and **Ian S. '21** were awarded 3rd prize (bronze) in Wind Power

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Capital Area Science and Engineering Fair (CASEF)

March 25, 2017 | Harrisburg, PA

CASEF encourages students to creatively investigate and explore the world around them through hands-on research, enriching knowledge of the roles engineering and science play in our society. Harrisburg Academy students were awarded four First Prize awards and 15 special awards. Additionally, the school had two Grand Champion Finalists.

- **Praneeta B. '21** – Grand Champion Finalist, First Prize, and Junior Microbiology Category Award Winner with special awards: BioGenius PA, Dr. Love Judges Award, and BroadbandMASTERS Middle School Competition Award
- **Dalia S. '20** – Grand Champion Finalist, First Prize, and Senior Microbiology Category Award Winner with special award: Wolfram Summer Programs for Science Technology and Innovation Award
- **Alex S. '22** – First Prize with special awards: US Metric Association Award, BroadbandMASTERS Middle School Competition Award
- **Devin D. '19** – First Prize with special award: Dauphin County Medical Society Alliance Award
- **Maci W. '19** – First Prize
- **Anika B. '21** – Second Prize with special award: Dr. Love Judges Award
- **Paige C. '21** – Second Prize
- **Shreya G. '22** – Second Prize
- **Emma H. '22** – Second Prize with special awards: Conodoguin Creek Watershed Association Award, Association of Women Geoscientists Award, and Dr. Love Judges Award
- **Nate S. '20** – Second Prize with special award: American Meteorological Society Award
- **Alec W. '19** – Second Prize with special award: Brentwood Industries Award
- **Van B. '21** – Third Prize with special award: Sustainable Energy Fund Award
- **Madison H. '20** – Third Prize
- **Seth P. '22** – Third Prize
- **Josh R. '21** – Third Prize
- **Carina C. '22** – Honorable Mention
- **Tāem S. '22** – Honorable Mention

Established in 1784, Harrisburg Academy is the 17th oldest non-public school in the nation and Harrisburg's only independent school. Our coed, diverse school community inspires students from age three through 12th grade by providing an academically challenging and globally minded liberal arts education focused on dynamic classroom experiences, strong student outcomes, and a commitment to character development. The Academy proudly stands as the first school in the greater Harrisburg area to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program and merit scholarship.

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