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Jericho Middle School Holds Geography Bee

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Seventh grader Feng Kai Xu won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee on January 6 and has a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. The school-level Bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 24th annual National Geographic Bee, this year sponsored by Google.

The kickoff for this year's bee was the week of November 14 with thousands of schools participating. All school winners, including Feng Kai Xu, will now take a written test and up to 100 of the top scorers on that test in each state will then be eligible to compete in their state Bee on March 30.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. for state champions and teacher escorts to participate in the national championship rounds in May.

Eighth grader Marissa Blaine was the runner-up. Other student participants include Jonah Bernstein, Donovan Condon, Matthew Kaufman, Spencer Lee, Jared Luckman, Andrew Rabinowitz, Asheena Siddiqui and Alan Thomas.



Winner Feng Kai Xu celebrates his victory with Middle School teacher Theresa Cantwell.



Middle School principal Don Gately congratulates Marissa Blaine, who was the runner up in the Geography Bee.