

Science Bowl

An historic 31 teams competed in this year's expanded event. The weather was clear, the volunteers were plenty, and the competition was exciting! Two new Schools joined the game this year - Al Almal School and St. Thomas Academy. St. Thomas joined eleven other teams in the Double Elimination game after dinner.

After a fiercely close competition, and an extra round of play, **Chaska High School Team 1**, coached by **Jim Lund**, won 1st Place. They expect to compete in the National Competition in Washington DC this spring. (That's six 1st place wins in the last eight years for Chaska!) At Nationals, Chaska won second place in the King of the Hill Hydrogen Fuel Cell Car Challenge.

St. Paul Academy-Summit School Team 1, coached by **Janice Gepner**, won 2nd Place. Among their awards was a sponsored trip to the Bakken museum.

Blake Upper School Team 1, coached by **Deb Weiss**, won 3rd Place.



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Waconia Team 2, coached by **Mel Berg**, won the Civility Award. Congratulations!

Thank you to Wayne Wolsey and Macalester College for providing a great space for this competition. Thanks also to Program Manager Barb Billington and a dedicated group of volunteer judges who kept the event flowing smoothly. And congratulations to all of the incredible students who train so hard for this exciting event!

Scholars of Distinction

Eleven Minnesota high school students were awarded the 2006 Minnesota Scholars of Distinction in Science award. The Scholars of Distinction in Science recognizes students who have acquired a substantive base of scientific knowledge that reflects a broad and effective integration of scientific content and principles across several disciplines. In addition, this designation identifies students who can place science and technology within the contexts of society and history. Scholars were chosen by a panel of citizen-scientists representing industry, government and academia.

The 2006 Scholars of Distinction in Science are Breck students **Meredith Blank, Michael Blazar, Michelle Hackner, Richie and Ryan Huynh, Brandon Lew, Dana Lindberg, Lillian Nordahl, Katherine Shaeffer** and **Mathew Weiss**, and Maranatha Christian Academy **Kyrstin Underbakke**.

In addition, three students received Meritorious Performance awards. These students include **Daniel Geoffrion** and **Andrew Mc Cullough** of Breck and **Paul Mueller** of Cloquet High School.

Special recognition is given to Breck School which offers a Science Research class for its top students, and many participants entered the Scholars program based on science mentorships through this class.