OLV Wins 3rd Place at State Science Olympiad

Congratulations to the OLV Science Olympiad team which won 3rd place at State Science Olympiad Finals on March 10th at Huntingdon College in Montgomery. This was an impressive showing for OLV which finished as the highest ranked private school and one of the top three programs in the entire State of Alabama.

OLV qualified three teams for the State finals and all three finished in the top six! OLV team C finished in 3rd place, OLV B finished in 5th place, and OLV A finished in 6th place. In all, OLV students were awarded 26 first-fourth place individual event honors.

Anatomy
3rd place Jack McGuire, Maggie Hagelskamp
Bottle Rocket
4th place Cam McLean, Ashley Musachia
Compute This
3rd place AJ Keelin, Abby Hagelskamp
4th place Asheligh Keelin, Aimee Sznajderman
Crime Busters
3rd place Mick Hagelskamp, Christina Till
Disease Detectives
1st place Marty McGuire, Jack Christensen
3rd place Aimee Sznajderman, Andrew Brewster
Dynamic Planet
2nd place David Bratcher, Sara Sligh
4th place Nicky Sebastian, Jacob Ford
Experimental Design
2nd place Marty McGuire, Mick Hagelskamp Abby Hagelskamp
Food Science
2nd place Mick Hagelskamp, Christina Till
4th place Grace Galvin, Patrick McGuire
Forestry
2nd place John Moore, Evan Brown
Keep the Heat
1st place Nathan Ruppert, Nikki Panzica
4th place Elizabeth Matta, Jack McGuire,
Meteorology
4th place Jack McGuire, Jack Christensen
Microbe Mission
3rd place John Ruppert, Marty McGuire
Mousetrap Vehicle
4th place Cam McLean, Ashley Musachia
Optics
1st place Elizabeth Matta, Noah Smith
Reach for the Stars
1st place Jack Christensen, Elizabeth Matta
4th place Addie Harchelroad, Nikki Panzica
Road Scholar
3rd place AJ Keelin, Daniel Matos
4th Place Andrew Brewster, Reed Smith
Rocks and Minerals
1st place Simon Webster, Daniel Matos
Storm the Castle
3rd place Justin Herndon, Nicole Galvin
Write It Do It
4th place Ally Hall, Reagan Harris

The OLV state Science Olympiad teams included:

Team A	*Team B*	*Team C*
Nicole Galvin	*David Bratcher*	*John Ruppert*
Nikki Panzica	*Andrew Brewster*	*Jack Christensen*
John Moore	*Sara Sligh*	*Mick Hagelskamp*
Matthew Steele	*Grace Galvin*	*Christina Till*
Austin Saab	*Albert Dascher*	*Simon Webster*
Jacob Ford	*Juan Jose Campos*	*Abby Hagelskamp*
Nicky Sebastian	*Ashleigh Keelin*	*Noah Smith*
Connor Bader	*Maria Stamba*	*Maggie Hagelskamp*
Ally Hall	*Anna Portante*	*Jack McGuire*
Addie Harchelroad	*Aimee Sznajderman*	*Marty McGuire*
Reagan Harris	*Reed Smith*	*AJ Keelin*
Joseph Hinshaw	*Patrick McGuire*	*Daniel Matos*
Nathan Ruppert	*Michael McKenna*	*Ashley Musachia*
Evan Brown	*Matthew Cerfolio*	*Elizabeth Matta*
Justin Herndon	*JoJo Meineke*	*Cam McLean*

**alternate: Sam Christensen*

The third place award at State Science Olympiad puts an exclamation point on what has been a remarkable year for the 72 members of the OLV Science Olympiad teams. OLV took first place at the Shades Valley Invitational then swept the top three spots at Science Olympiad Regional Competition at the University of Alabama in February and qualified three teams for the state finals.

This remarkable year would not be possible without the enthusiastic participation of more than 70 students in grades 5-8 and our returning 9th graders, the support of our entire faculty, and the dedication of our parents and mentors. Thank you to our ninth graders: John Ruppert, Marty McGuire, AJ Keelin, Ashley Musachia, David Bratcher, and Andrew Brewster. We express our gratitude to Ann, Stevens, Kathleen Keelin, and our mentors which included: Judy Brown, Tom Chauffe, Joey Ciza, Susan Dascher, Bruce Fogel, Gina Hagelskamp, Jake Herndon, Mr. Herndon, Brendan McGuire, Liz McGuire, Susan Ruppert, Janet Saab, Deepa Sebastian, Kathy Smith, Leslie Smith, Kay Stamba, Lorrie Steele, and Meghan Till. Thank you to Lynn Blaszczak who assisted with practices, Lorraine Cerfolio who helped in so many ways, and especially to Debra Till who worked tirelessly to coordinate our teams. While our students have learned a great deal of science during the year, more importantly, with your support we're developing a love for learning that will carry with these students for the rest of their lives. Thank you for supporting Science Olympiad at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic School.