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### Seton School Students Take Two Top Spots at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Ocean Science Bowl

**Seton School**, from Manassas, racked up two winning slots at the **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Crab Bowl**, held February 18 at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science in Gloucester Point. The day-long academic tournament is the Virginia regional competition of the National Ocean Science Bowl (NOSB®). Fifteen teams came from across of the Commonwealth, from Manassas to Virginia Beach, Warrenton in the west to Exmore on the Eastern Shore. The nearly 80 students spent the day in heated tournament competition focused on the marine sciences.

After a challenging day of both round robin and double elimination matches – 46 matches in all – **Seton School Team A won Second Place**, while **Seton's Team B earned Fourth Place**. Teams from rival powerhouse, **Bishop Sullivan Catholic School** in Virginia Beach secured First and Third Place honors. This was the first time that all top four positions were dominated by just two schools.

**Coaches Hank Konstanty** and **Tricia Kellogg** coordinated the two teams, both of which consisted of all juniors. Seton's **Team A** was headed by **Co-Team Captains Joseph LaVigne and Regina Terreri** with team members **Benjamin Dealy, Martin Quinan; and Sean Kellogg**. Team B was headed by **Team Captain Brendan Santschi**, and included **Hannah Freivald, Catherine Moore; Patrick Murray** and **Monica Wood**.

The **Blue Crab Bowl** is a cooperative effort between the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, College of William and Mary, and Old Dominion University's Department of Ocean, Earth, and Atmospheric Sciences. Over 75 scientists, including faculty, graduate students and staff from both institutions and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, donated many hours of their time to ensure the success of this exciting event.

Virginia's **Blue Crab Bowl** was among the inaugural NOSB competitions in 1998. Designed to inspire and challenge high school students, NOSB contests like the Blue Crab Bowl test the competitors' knowledge of the marine sciences, covering the breadth of oceanography and maritime disciplines. **To date, the Blue Crab Bowl has involved 1,580 of the Commonwealth's brightest science students from 53 public and private schools across Virginia.**

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Using questions designed by marine scientists and educators, the contest tested students' knowledge of oceanography, geology, biology, maritime history and policy. Guided by their teacher coaches, students broadened their awareness and understanding of the oceans as they prepared for the competition. The Bowl provides a forum for students who excel in math and science to receive regional and national recognition for their diligence and talent. During Saturday's event, the competition started with a field of sixteen teams, with four emerging as top contenders by late afternoon.

Competing 2017 teams included:

**Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School – Team A**, Virginia Beach  
**Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School – Team B**, Virginia Beach  
**Broadwater Academy – Team A**, Exmore  
**Broadwater Academy – Team B**, Exmore  
**Chesapeake Bay Governor's School, Glens Campus**, Glens  
**Chesapeake Bay Governor's School, Warsaw Campus – Team A**, Warsaw  
**Chesapeake Bay Governor's School, Warsaw Campus – Team B**, Warsaw  
**Churchland High School**, Portsmouth  
**Fauquier High School**, Warrenton  
**Governor's School for Science & Technology –New Horizons**, Hampton  
**Isle of Wight Academy**, Isle of Wight  
**Patrick Henry High School- Team A**, Ashland  
**Patrick Henry High School- Team B**, Ashland  
**Seton School – Team A**, Manassas  
**Seton School – Team B**, Manassas

At the end of the grueling day, all teams were recognized during the Awards Ceremony by Bowl Coordinators **Dr. Carol Hopper Brill** from VIMS and **Dr. Victoria Hill** from ODU. Prizes were presented by President and CEO of the Consortium for Ocean Leadership, **Rear Admiral Jonathan White** and **Dr. Mark Luckenbach**, Associate Dean of Research & Advisory Services at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science. The students were applauded for their accomplishments and encouraged to continue their studies in interdisciplinary marine sciences.

The winning team will represent Virginia in the national competition, facing other regional champions at the National finals, April 20-23, in Corvallis, Oregon. The National Ocean Science Bowl is a program of the Consortium for Ocean Leadership in Washington, DC. NOSB seeks to interest students in ocean science as a college major and potential career. Through 25 regional competitions across the nation, NOSB provides an educational forum intended to: generate student interest in the ocean sciences; improve awareness of our oceans, coasts and Great Lakes; and create an "ocean literate" society that can meet the ocean challenges of the future. During 2017, an expected 2,000 students from over 300 high schools from around the country will participate in this 20th annual event.

The Blue Crab Bowl wouldn't be possible without the generous support of national, regional and local sponsors. The local sponsors are: the Virginia Institute of Marine Science; ODU's Department of Ocean Earth & Atmospheric Sciences; VIMS Marine Advisory Program; the Mid-Atlantic Marine Education Association and National Marine Educators Association; Leave Only Bubbles/What If Scientific; Comfort Suites-Airport, Newport News; Pizza Hut, Gloucester Point. For a list of the national and regional sponsors, visit the NOSB website at [www.nosb.org/](http://www.nosb.org/).

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## BLUE CRAB BOWL 2017 WINNING TEAMS



**2nd Place:**  
**Seton School – Team A**  
**Coach Hank Konstanty**



**Second Place: Seton School – Team A,**  
**Manassas, VA**

**Seton School's Team A** secured **Second Place in the Blue Crab Bowl**. The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Virginia Regional competition of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl was held at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science on February 18. Coached by **Hank Konstanty** (far left) and **Tricia Kellogg** (far right), team members include (left to right): **Benjamin Dealey** (junior); **Co-Team Captain Regina Terreri** (junior); **Martin Quinan** (junior); **Co-Team Captain Joseph LaVigne** (junior); and **Sean Kellogg** (junior). Photo by Christopher Katella, VIMS.



## BLUE CRAB BOWL 2017 WINNING TEAMS



4<sup>th</sup> Place:

Seton School – Team B  
Coach Tricia Kellogg



### Fourth Place: Seton School – Team B Manassas, VA

**Seton School's Team B** took **Fourth Place** in the **Blue Crab Bowl**. The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Virginia Regional competition of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl was held at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science on February 18. Coached by **Tricia Kellogg** (far right) and **Hank Konstany** (far left), team members include (left to right): **Catherine Moore** (junior); **Monica Wood** (junior); **Patrick Murray** (junior); **Team Captain Brendan Santschi** (junior); and **Hannah Freivald** (junior). Photo by Christopher Katella, VIMS.