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**Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics Secures National Science Bowl Spot at National Finals**

**Oklahoma City, OK.** (January 31, 2018) – The Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics (OSSM) won their regional competition for the 2018 National Science Bowl (NSB) on Saturday, January 27. The team will advance to compete in the NSB National Finals this spring in Washington, D.C.

The NSB brings together thousands of middle and high school students from across the country to compete in a fast-paced question-and-answer format where they solve technical problems and answer questions on a range of science disciplines including biology, chemistry, Earth and space science, physics and math.

“The National Science Bowl® continues to be one of the premier academic competitions across the country and prepares America's students for future successes in some of the world's fastest growing fields in science, technology, and engineering,” said U.S. Secretary of Energy Rick Perry. “I am proud to oversee a Department that provides such a unique and empowering opportunity for our nation's students, and I am honored to congratulate Oklahoma School of Science and Math in advancing to the National Finals, where they will continue to showcase their talents as the top minds in math and science.”

“This year OSSM had two teams,” said Dr. Fazlur Rahman, Coach for OSSM Science Bowl. “The junior team secured second place and the seniors took the championship for Oklahoma. This is the first time we secured both positions in the regional competition.”

OSSM is a residential high school for juniors and seniors from across the state and is the only one of its kind in Oklahoma. Its mission is to prepare young Oklahomans to think critically by excelling in the studies of science and mathematics. The curriculum is designed not only to immerse students in a rigorous two-year program of advanced physics, mathematics, biology, chemistry and humanities, but also to instill in them a sense of community service. For more information: [www.ossm.edu](http://www.ossm.edu).

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