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## **JAMESTOWN HIGH SCHOOL WINS STATE LIFESMARTS COMPETITION**

BISMARCK – Ten students from Jamestown High School have good reason to smile today – and five of them soon will be headed for San Francisco.

The students, who competed in two five-person teams, successfully fielded several rounds of questions about real-life consumer and marketplace situations in the 2005 North Dakota State LifeSmarts competition. Competing for the first time since 1997, Jamestown High Econ-20 team won the championship and the school's Econ-10 team came in second. Coach Marchell Krieger and assistant coach Russell Eicholte, were thrilled.

Twelve teams from 11 North Dakota high schools participated in the state finals, held yesterday in Bismarck. Ray High School took third place in the competition. Parrell Grossman, director of the Consumer Protection Division and Question Master, commented, "There are no losers in the LifeSmarts competition. The students learn to avoid common consumer scams, cut through red-tape, and understand credit card jargon before they have to sign on the dotted line. With this knowledge they will all win in life."

State champions Jamestown High Econ-20 will go on to compete in the national LifeSmarts competition, to be held April 16-19, 2005 in San Francisco, CA.

"We're proud to have Jamestown High represent North Dakota at nationals," said Grossman.

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