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## **JAMESTOWN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HEADED TO LOS ANGELES**

BISMARCK – The students from Jamestown High School have something to look forward to in the cold weeks ahead; a trip to sunny California. The team won the state LifeSmarts championship in Bismarck today, earning them a place in the National Finals in Los Angeles in (date). Ray High School team placed second and the other Jamestown high school team came in third.

The champion team members are: (Captain), Garth Allen, Chris Lane, Jennifer Neva, and Jamen Windish, lead by Coach Marchel Krieger.

Coach Krieger has been the Jamestown High School LifeSmarts coach for seven years and brought two teams to the competition. He said, “The kids all worked hard to get to the state finals and both teams did a great job. LifeSmarts gives students an opportunity to learn about things that affect them in the real world and then tests their abilities in a competitive environment.” This is the second time that the teams coached by Krieger have taken first and third place in the state competition.

Teens from across the state first competed online for a chance to advance to the state championship; eleven teams from nine North Dakota high schools qualified for the state championship event. The teams battled through ten rounds, before the top three teams advanced to the final round. Students answered questions in six subject areas - personal finance, health, safety, the environment, technology, and consumer rights and responsibilities – such as “In an emergency or natural disaster, the normal flow of drinking water can be interrupted. The American Red Cross advises people to tap this hidden source of drinking water in every home. What is it?” (The correct answer is “The hot water tank.”)

LifeSmarts Quizmaster Parrell Grossman, director of the Consumer Protection Division, commented, “I am impressed by the amount of preparation these students have undertaken.

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