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JAMESTOWN HIGH SCHOOL TAKES STATE “LIFESMARTS” CHAMPIONSHIP

BISMARCK, ND – Jamestown High School team #2 won the state LifeSmarts championship and will be representing North Dakota in the national competition. Flasher High School team #1 took second place.

The ten high school teams competed in several elimination rounds before the top two teams advanced to the final rounds. Students answered questions in five subject areas - personal finance, health and safety, the environment, technology, and consumer rights and responsibilities – such as “Two-thirds of the world’s known oil reserves are found in which global region? (The correct answer is “The Middle East).”

Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem noted that it is exciting each year to be able to sponsor this educational event and it is greatly affirming to see the quality of North Dakota high school students that participate. “The high level of knowledge these students have gained in our North Dakota schools is incredible and their performance is striking when they showcase their abilities in this competition,” Stenehjem said.

The State Champion team members are: Courtnay Kiecker (Captain), Colton Carson, Cris Dupre, Leo Fremgen, and Julia Shirley. The winning team members were excited about going on to the national competition in Denver. “We worked really hard for this,’ said Shirley, This year’s competition was more climactic than expected, with the semifinal round extending into a tie breaker.

Jamestown High School team coach Marchel Krieger said the students have put in a lot of hard work and practice to get where they are and hoped they would do well. Krieger stated he has been to basketball games that were not as intense as the semifinal round.

Parrell Grossman, Director of the Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Division, and Question Master for the competition, was very impressed with all the participants. “Whether it was their first year in the competition or their fourth, all the students did extremely well, correctly answering questions that would have stumped even a well-informed adult,” said Grossman.

The Jamestown High School #2 team will represent North Dakota at the LifeSmarts National Championships in Denver in April.

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