

# Yankton teams ace Science Olympiad

Science Olympiad teams from Yankton High School and Yankton Middle School took top honors at the 27th South Dakota Science Olympiad State Tournament at The University of South Dakota last weekend.

Yankton Middle School received first place in the middle school division (Division B) for the 24th consecutive year while Yankton High School made it 23 straight first place finishes in the high school division (Division C). Both teams now have an opportunity to compete nationally in May at the 2011 National Science Olympiad Tournament at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Coached by Cheryl Schaeffer, Brooks Schild and Tom Merrill, Yankton Middle School was first in Division B while Sacred Heart Middle School (Yankton, S.D.), coached by Marcia Olnes and Rebecca Peterson, was runner-up. Yankton High, coached by Angie Hejl, Robert Medeck and Jama Mathison, was the top team in Division C as Great Plains Lutheran High School of Watertown, coached by Greg

Diersen and Jeff Roloff, finished second.

Hundreds of middle school and high school students from across the state competed in several science events during the competition, which was Saturday, April 2 on the USD campus. All events for the Science Olympiad are determined at the national level. For the state tournament, faculty, staff, and students from USD organized and served as judges for the events.

South Dakota schools participating in the 2011 Science Olympiad included (Division B):

first place – Yankton Middle, second – Sacred Heart Middle, third – Mickelson Middle (Brookings), fourth – Vermillion Middle, fifth – Spearfish Middle, sixth – Madison Middle, seventh – Gayville-Volin Middle, eighth – Deuel Middle. High School Division: first – Yankton High, second – Great Plains Lutheran, third – Brookings High, fourth – Spearfish High, fifth – Tri-Valley, sixth – Todd County, seventh – Mitchell High, eighth – Gayville-Volin High, ninth – Deuel High.

# USD students garner awards at NATS

Four students from The University of South Dakota received first place awards at the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) competition at Black Hills State University on March 26.

Aubrey Sea of Sioux City, IA received a first place in Women's Musical Theatre. She also received second place in Freshman Women's Classical. Matt Black of Yankton was first in Men's Musical Theatre and second in Freshman Men's Classical, and Ryan Landis of Rapid City received first place in Graduate Classical. Sara Otteman of Yankton received a first place in Senior Women's Classical.

Additional USD students singing at the NATS competition included Ashley Hogarth of Sioux Falls, second

place in Sophomore Women's Classical; Amanda Rich of South Sioux City, NE, second place in Junior Women's Classical and second place in Women's Musical Theatre; Kristin Edwards of Aberdeen, second place in Senior Women's Classical; Jared Mogen of Sioux Falls, second place in Men's Musical

Theatre; and Laura Bertschinger of Creighton, NE, third place in Women's Musical Theatre and honorable mention in Senior Woman's Classical. Cody Perk of Yankton (Sophomore Men's Classical) and Ashley Mazur of Paullina, IA (Senior Women's Classical) each received honorable mention.



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