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TCMS Students Win Science Bowl Championship

Four students from Twelve Corners Middle School won championship medals at the annual National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers (NOBCChE) STEM Weekend and Science Bowl in November.

Seventh graders Isaac Gray, Derick Koen, and Alex Heininger, sixth grader Sam Gray, and volunteer coach Kelvin Knight traveled to Raleigh, N.C. to compete in the event. The Brighton team was awarded a STEM travel grant from NOBCChE to cover the cost of lodging.



Students competed in teams of four in a double elimination quiz bowl. There was a junior division for grades 5-8 and a senior division for grades 9-12. The questions were about chemistry, earth science, physics, engineering, astronomy, meteorology, and black inventors and scientists. The TCMS team went undefeated through 12 rounds of competition.

State Sen. Joe Robach made a special trip to TCMS in December to recognize the team. He presented certificates of merit from the New York State Senate.

“On behalf of myself in my official capacity, but really everybody in our community, you’re making yourselves smarter, your school a little bit better, and your families a little bit stronger by your great work,” Robach said.

In March, the four students will compete as the TCMS Science Team in the U.S. Department of Energy's Western New York Regional Middle School Science Bowl in Buffalo.

The TCMS team started during the 2015-16 school year. Last year, they attended the Buffalo Area Junior Solar Sprint model solar car competition and received awards for their car design and an

honorable mention as the only traveling team from the Rochester area.

Coach Knight is an Urban-Suburban program and Pittsford Mendon High School graduate. He has volunteered to coach students from participating Urban-Suburban districts for almost 10 years. It is a labor of love for him as a way of reaching out to current students interested in the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields.

TCMS students or parents interested in joining the team can contact Knight at (585) 713-5093 and kelvin.knight@rocketmail.com. The team meets Saturday mornings at Knight's alma mater, the University of Rochester.

Sen. Joe Robach Recognizes TCMS Science Bowl Championship









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