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### **Chesapeake Bay Governor's School Teams Take Two Top Spots in Virginia's 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Ocean Science Bowl**

Students from two campuses of the Chesapeake Bay Governor's School - Glenns and Warsaw - competed in the **16th Annual Blue Crab Bowl**, a day-long marine science academic tournament held at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science in Gloucester Point on February 9.

The team from the **Glenns Campus won Second Place honors**. Coached by **science teacher Sara Chaves Beam**, the CBGS-Glenns Team included: **Team Captain Alexys Gray** (New Kent High); and team members **Hans Saunders** (Mathews High); **Marissa Voight** (King & Queen High); **Elizabeth Ransone** (Mathews High) and **David Bushhouse** (New Kent County High). The team received a Blue Crab Bowl Trophy and other prizes in recognition of their success.

The **Warsaw Campus** sent two teams. Their **Warsaw-Team A took Fourth Place**. **Science teacher Jim Beam** coached **Team Captain Meghan Frere** (Lancaster High School) and team members **Katie Parr** (Essex High School), **Megan Daiger** (Washington & Lee High), **Jen Radcliffe** (Northumberland High School) and **Alexandra Pitman** (Northumberland High).

**Chesapeake Bay Governor's School, Warsaw Team B** also participated in the Bowl. **Coach Bethany Smith's** team included: **Team Captain Emmanuel Valdez** and members **Jim Ficklin**, **Shane Brooks** and **Christian Blue**.

A total of sixteen teams, representing ten Virginia high schools, faced off in this year's tournament. First place honors went to Bishop Sullivan High School Team A from Virginia Beach. This team will represent Virginia at the National Ocean Sciences Bowl Finals Competition, April 18-21 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Rounding out the top teams was Fauquier High School's Team A (Warrenton) in Third Place.

The 80 students who participate in the Blue Crab Bowl prepare through class work and extracurricular study with their science teachers, who serve as coaches. Students explore marine science topics, practice thinking on their feet, and develop team and analytical skills for the competitive quiz bowl setting. During Saturday's event, the competition started with a field of 16 teams, with four emerging as top contenders by late afternoon.

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The **Blue Crab Bowl** is the Virginia regional competition of the National Ocean Science Bowl (NOSB®) and is managed as a cooperative effort between the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, College of William and Mary, and Old Dominion University's Department of Ocean, Earth, and Atmospheric Sciences. Nearly 80 volunteers, including faculty, staff and graduate students from both institutions, as well scientists from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration donated many hours of their time to ensure the success of this exciting event.

Virginia's **Blue Crab Bowl** was among the inaugural NOSB competitions in 1998. Designed to inspire and challenge high school students, NOSB contests like the Blue Crab Bowl test the competitors' knowledge of the marine sciences, covering the breadth of oceanography and maritime disciplines. **To date, the Blue Crab Bowl has involved over 1,300 of the Commonwealth's brightest science students from 52 public and private schools across Virginia.**

The 2013 Blue Crab Bowl was made possible by the generous support of national, regional and local sponsors. Sponsors include: the Consortium for Ocean Leadership; Virginia Institute of Marine Science; Virginia Sea Grant and the Marine Advisory Program; ODU's Department of Ocean Earth & Atmospheric Sciences; the Mid-Atlantic Marine Education Association; the National Marine Educators Association; Comfort Suites-Airport (Newport News); the Virginia Living Museum (Newport News); and Pizza Hut-Gloucester Point.

Competing teams included:

**Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School – Team A**, Virginia Beach  
**Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School – Team B**, Virginia Beach  
**Broadwater Academy – Team A**, Exmore  
**Broadwater Academy – Team B**, Exmore  
**Chesapeake Bay Governor's School, Glenss Campus**, Glenss  
**Chesapeake Bay Governor's School, Warsaw Campus – Team A**, Warsaw  
**Chesapeake Bay Governor's School, Warsaw Campus – Team B**, Warsaw  
**Churchland High School**, Portsmouth  
**Fauquier High School – Team A**, Warrenton  
**Fauquier High School – Team B**, Warrenton  
**Grafton High School** – Yorktown  
**Isle of Wight Academy**, Isle of Wight  
**Patrick Henry High School – Team A**, Ashland  
**Patrick Henry High School – Team B**, Ashland  
**Seton School –Team A**, Manassas  
**Seton School –Team B**, Manassas

During the opening ceremonies, VIMS Dean & Director **Dr. John Wells** welcomed the Bowl audience of roughly 200 on Saturday morning and addressed the teams. He assured students that their hard work was not only preparation for the competition, but also skill development for possible careers in marine science. During the afternoon Trophy Rounds, **Congressman Rob Wittman** (VA, 1<sup>st</sup> District) dropped in to observe a match and congratulated all the competitors on their efforts. At the end of the grueling day, teams were recognized during the Awards Ceremony coordinated by **Dr. Carol Hopper Brill**, the Blue Crab Bowl Coordinator for VIMS and **Dr. Victoria Hill**, ODU's Coordinator for the Bowl. Prizes were presented by special guests: **Dr. Roger Harvey**, Chair of ODU's Department of Ocean, Earth and Atmospheric Science and **Kristen Yarincik**, Director of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl. The students were applauded for their accomplishments and encouraged to continue their studies in interdisciplinary marine sciences.

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The winning team will represent Virginia in the national competition, facing 24 other regional champions at the National finals, April 18-21, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The National Ocean Science Bowl is a program of the Consortium for Ocean Leadership in Washington, DC. NOSB seeks to interest students in ocean science as a college major and potential career. Through 25 regional competitions across the nation, NOSB provides an educational forum intended to: generate student interest in the ocean sciences; improve awareness of our oceans, coasts and Great Lakes; and create an “ocean literate” society that can meet the ocean challenges of the future. During 2013, an expected 2,000 students from over 300 high schools from around the country will participate in this this sixteenth annual event.

For further information, please contact Dr. Carol Hopper Brill via phone at 804-684-7735, or by email at [chopper@vims.edu](mailto:chopper@vims.edu). Information about the **Blue Crab Bowl** is also available at [www.vims.edu/bcb](http://www.vims.edu/bcb). For information on other competitions around the country and the National Ocean Science Bowl, visit [www.nosb.org/](http://www.nosb.org/).

Attached: Photo and caption with team member identification.



## BLUE CRAB BOWL 2013 WINNING TEAMS



### **2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** **Chesapeake Bay Governor's School - Glenns** **Coach Sara Chaves Beam**



### **Second Place: Chesapeake Bay Governor's School,** **Glenns Campus, Glenns, VA**

The Chesapeake Bay Governor's School - Glenns team captured **Second Place** in the 2013 Blue Crab Bowl. The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Virginia Regional competition of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl was held at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science in Gloucester Point, Saturday on February 9. Science teacher **Coach Sara Chaves Beam** (far left). This year's team members include, left to right: **David Bushhouse** (New Kent County High); **Marissa Voight** (King & Queen County High); **Elizabeth Ransone** (Mathews High); **Team Captain Alexys Gray** (New Kent County High); and **Hans Saunders** (Mathews High). Photo by Vivian Hollingsworth, Virginia Sea Grant Photo Intern.





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### **4<sup>th</sup> Place: Chesapeake Bay Governor's School, Warsaw Campus – Team A Coach James Beam**



### **Fourth Place: Chesapeake Bay Governor's School, Warsaw Campus – Team A, Warsaw, VA**

Team A from **Chesapeake Bay Governor's School, Warsaw Campus**, coached by science teacher **James Beam** (second from right) received **Fourth Place** honors. The Warsaw Team A members include, left to right: **Katie Parr** (Essex High School); **Team Captain Meghan Frere** (Lancaster High School); **Jen Radcliffe** (Northumberland High School); **Megan Daiger** (Washington & Lee High); and **Alexandra Pitman** (Northumberland High School). Photo by Vivian Hollingsworth, Virginia Sea Grant Photo Intern.



## BLUE CRAB BOWL 2013



**PARTICIPATING TEAM:**  
**Chesapeake Bay Governor's School**  
**Warsaw – Team B**  
**Coach Bethany Smith**



**Chesapeake Bay Governor's School, Warsaw Campus – Team B**

Coached by science teacher **Bethany Smith** (far right), team members included (from left to right): **Shane Brooks, Jim Ficklin, Team Captain Emmanuel Valdez and Christian Blue**. Photo by Vivian Hollingsworth, Virginia Sea Grant Photo Intern.

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