



## [Science Bowl Regional Champs Make L.A. Proud, Winning 2nd Place in National Contest](#)

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LADWP Science Bowl regional champion North Hollywood High School took second place at the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) National Science Bowl after two days of intense competition in Washington D.C. The group of five students faced 65 teams from all over the U.S. to claim their runner-up prize. Their May 1, 2018 victory on marks the ninth time that the school has placed first through fifth at the national level throughout their 25 years of participation in the program.

“This is a tremendous achievement for North Hollywood High School winning their fifth second place trophy. We are so proud of the hard working science scholars who demonstrated that they are not only among the best and brightest high school students in Los Angeles, but in the nation,” said LADWP General Manager David Wright. “They represented our city and LADWP well. Our hats are off to these amazing students.”



Team wins its fifth, second-place trophy.



North Hollywood High School team members and coaches: (from L) head coach Altair Maine, Albert Liu, Alex Ke, Richard Shuai, Dohyun Cheon, Dominick Joo and assistant coach Leonard Soloff, assistant coach. (Photos courtesy of National Science Bowl®, Department of Energy, Office of Science)

Held annually in Washington, D.C., the weekend of competition included participation by U.S. Secretary of Energy Rick Perry. Teams also attended lectures and demonstrations from top scientists and visited Washington, D.C. monuments and museums. In addition to their trophy, the team won a seven-day science research trip to Alaska sponsored by the DOE Office of Science. They were also awarded \$1,000 for winning their division in the preliminary round robin tournament.

To qualify for the national competition, the North Hollywood High School team won the 2018 LADWP Science Bowl 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Competition in February. The victory marked the school's 19th regional title in the last 21 years.

Science Bowl is a proud LADWP tradition and an example of our organization's commitment to the Los Angeles educational community. "We support Science Bowl each year because it's a program that challenges and molds the next generation of science leaders," said George Rofail, assistant director of Customer Service. "It's rewarding to see one of our local teams succeed and become the second best in the country."

Want to see the award-winning team in action? A 60-minute television program, covering the final two rounds of this year's regional Science Bowl competition.

[View the video.](#)