



Philip Jusino, center, winner of the National Geographic Bee school level competition at our Lady of Sorrows, is pictured with other contestants.

OLS eighth-grader wins school level National Geographic Bee

Philip Jusino, an eighth-grade student at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School in Farmington, won the recent school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship.

The school-level Bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 23rd annual National Geographic Bee. This year's Bee sponsor is Google (visit www.google.com/educators/geo).

The kickoff for this year's Bee was the week of Nov. 15, with thousands of schools around the United States and in the five U.S. territories participating. The school winners, including Philip Jusino, will now take a written test; up to

100 of the top scorers in each state will be eligible to compete in their state Bee on April 1.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington D.C., for state champions and teacher escorts to participate in the Bee national championship rounds on May 24-25. The first-place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship, a lifetime membership in the Society and a trip to the Galapagos Islands, courtesy of Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic.

Jeopardy! host Alex Trebek will moderate the national finals on May 25, which will air on television.

Everyone can test their geography knowledge with

the GeoBee Challenge, an online geography quiz at www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee, which poses 10 new questions a day.

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