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## **DELAWARE ENVIROTHON HONORS AND AWARDS**

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Teams of high school students from across Delaware competed May 5 in the Delaware Envirothon at Hagley Museum. The environmental education challenge tested the students on their knowledge and practical application of aquatic ecology, forestry, soils and land-use, wildlife, natural resource management in the urban environment and public speaking.

The Charter School of Wilmington's Team A, Jason Fischel, Mathew Fischel, Anjali Gupta, Stephanie Huang, Ritika Samant and alternates Peter Jaekson and Mengfei Yang was crowned state champion, with each member receiving a \$3,000 annual, renewable academic scholarship from Wesley College and a \$500 scholarship from Delaware Envirothon.

They will train for the North American Canon Envirothon in Springfield, Mo., in July.

Charter's Team B, Reeti Kumar, Michael Napolitano, Neil Nayak, Aditya Shirprasad, Cat Sun and alternate Radley Miller, placed second and received the \$300 Ernest J. Zimmerman award toward an environmental education project at their school.

Kent County **4-H**, Sage Bunch, Jennifer Crouse, Ernest Eierman, Danielle Lehman, Adam Thomas and alternate Dustin Borntreger, was awarded third place and received a \$150 award, and McKean High School, Matthew Clark, Kerisa Dickson-Peppler, Allison Diggins, Felicia Megginson, Stephen Scheib and alternate Danielle Migliore, was awarded \$100 for placing fourth.

Awards also were presented in each of the natural resource categories:

**Aquatic Ecology:**

First, Charter School of Wilmington Team A; second, Charter School of Wilmington Team B; third, Polytech High School, Jason Collins, Stephon Fitzpatrick, Deanna Heishman, John Messina, Heather Truitt.

**Forestry**

First, Charter Team A; second, Polytech; third, Kent County **4-H**

**Soils/Land Use**

First, Charter Team A; second, Charter Team B; third, Archmere Academy, Eric Gannon, John Lung, Dan McCadden, Rachel Stellini, Chelsea Winch and alternate Leslie Walinchus.

**Wildlife**

First, Kent County **4-H**; second, Charter Team A; third, Polytech

**Public Speaking:**

First, Kent County **4-H**; second, Charter Team B; third, Sussex Tech Team C, Matthew Esterson, Sarah Hileman, John Hitch, Mason Newark, Krystin Sargent and alternate Levin Westfall.

**Managing Cultural Landscapes:**

First, Charter Team B; second, McKean High School Team A; third, Charter Team

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New Castle County Winners

First, Charter Team A; second, Charter Team B; third, Archmere Academy

Kent County Winners

First, Kent County **4-H**, second, Polytech High School FFA, Tony Asti, Rachel Emory, Keith Greer, Andrew Kluge, Aurora Scott and alternate Jamie Van Sciver; third, Polytech High School

Sussex County Winners

First, Sussex Tech Team A Ashley Atkinson, Charles Campbell, Justin Fleetwood, Devin Hudson, Chelsy Jones and alternate Chelsea Moguee; second, Sussex Tech Team C; third, Sussex Tech Team B, Rane Boslet, Joseph Doyle, Rachel Krieg, Benjamin Russell, Jeffrey Stearn and alternate Joshua Wolford.

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