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Moultrie's Henshaw Makes History at State Geography Bee

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Mount Pleasant, SC – The South Carolina National Geographic State Bee started in 1989, and until this past weekend, a student from Charleston County School District had never won the title. Sam Henshaw, a seventh grader from Moultrie Middle School, changed that fact on April 6, 2018. He beat more than 100 students, ranging from 4th to 8th grade, to win this year's state geography bee. The competition took place at the Brookland Baptist Church Banquet and Conference Center in West Columbia, SC.

Henshaw had to make it through a tiebreaker in the preliminary round to advance to the finals. He then clinched the championship by providing the correct answer to the question "What major city is about 200 miles west of Qattara Depression?" Henshaw told the judges "Cairo, Egypt," and the 2018 state title was his.

"It was really exciting," Henshaw remembered. "I was kind of shocked actually. But, I have been looking at and reading maps, atlases, and geographic books ever since I was 3 years old. I've always been curious about the world and its people. It's really fascinating."

Henshaw received a \$200 cash prize, the "National Geographic Visual Atlas of the World, 2nd Edition," and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. to represent South Carolina in the National Geographic Bee Championships; the competition is scheduled for May 20-24, 2018.

The national championship preliminary rounds will take place Sunday, May 20, and Monday, May 21. The next few rounds, featuring the top 10 finalists, will be held Wednesday, May 23, at National Geographic's Washington, D.C. headquarters, and will be moderated by humorist and journalist Mo Rocca. National Geographic will stream the final round of the National Geographic Bee Championships starting at 9:00 a.m. on May 24, at www.natgeobee.org.

"I know it will be a lot of fun," said Henshaw. "I am looking forward to meeting people from all over the country, and I can't wait to visit the headquarters of National Geographic and everything else in D.C."

For more about Henshaw's victory and what's next for him, contact Principal Ryan Cumback at (843) 849-2819.

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CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, charter, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), and Montessori schools, and is divided into three Learning Communities. Options include specialized programs in science, engineering and mathematics; liberal arts; music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military and other public service enterprises.