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Academic Magnet Takes Title at SC Science Olympiad

North Charleston, SC – The Academic Magnet High School (AMHS) Science Club continues to build on its impressive resume. The Raptors won the 2019 South Carolina Science Olympiad this past weekend at The Citadel in Charleston. AMHS won the varsity competition by 30 points, while the junior varsity team finished in 11th place. Academic Magnet's Science Club advances to the National Science Olympiad, which is scheduled for June 1, 2019, at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY.

Earlier this year, AMHS performed well at the South Carolina Department of Defense Junior Science and Humanities Symposium, [with one Raptor winning first place](#).

"These students worked so hard this year to get to this point," explained Katy Metzner-Roop, AMHS Science Club sponsor. "They spend time at lunch, after school, and on weekends getting ready for this event. I am so proud of them and what they have accomplished. I am so honored to be their teacher and adviser and I'm excited to be representing South Carolina at Nationals."

Metzner-Roop, who teaches biology and marine biology, was also named the Outstanding Coach for this year's SC Science Olympiad.

The Academic Magnet varsity team members for the Science Olympiad are as follows: Razeen Basunia, Christian Blackburn, Seth Early, Gage Gailbreath, Ishraq Haque, Stephen Hilton, Anthony Joyce, Ameen Khan, Davis Leath, Angela Li, John Paradise, Michelle Sun, Masi Sundara, and Sophia Zhang. The junior varsity team members are Meriem Bazine, Carmen DelMastro, Aanika Dhawan, Dominik Dimicco, Kevin Fan, Jason Guo, Akshith Nalla, Maya Pai, Bell Pansap, Anna Leigh Tangeman, Deena Warid, Asher Wallen, and Briana Williams.

Competitions are like academic track meets, consisting of a series of 23 team events in each division. Each year, a portion of the events are rotated to reflect the ever-changing nature of genetics, earth science, chemistry, anatomy, physics, geology, mechanical engineering, and technology. By combining events from all disciplines, Science Olympiad encourages a wide cross-section of students to get involved. Emphasis is placed on active, hands-on group participation.

"We are all extremely proud of our Science Olympiad Team, a representative group of AMHS students who remind us every day of the power of student commitment and activism," added Principal Catherine Spencer. "It is astonishing to note that many of these students have been on multiple award-winning teams, and have individually been recognized as scholars, scientists, writers, musicians, athletes, and artists. They are indeed a brave and brilliant generation whose impact has only begun to manifest itself. Their bright futures portend a brighter future for us all!"

For more information about AMHS' victory at the SC Science Olympiad, the Raptors' upcoming trip to New York, or the school's science club, please contact Katy Metzner-Roop at (843) 746-1300.

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