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## VIRGIN ISLANDS STUDENTS EXCEL AT REGIONAL SCIENCE BOWL FINALS

The Virgin Islands Department of Education proudly congratulates the outstanding middle and high school students who participated in the Regional Science Bowl Finals on Friday, March 7, 2025, at the UVI Innovation Center. The event, made possible through the generous sponsorship of The University of the Virgin Islands Research and Technology Park (RT Park) and the Rotary Club of St. Thomas II, showcased the brightest young minds in the Territory as they competed in a rigorous academic challenge testing their knowledge of science and mathematics.

In the Middle School division, St. Croix Church of God Holiness Academy secured 1st place with an impressive performance by team members R'Mani Ramsingh, David Archibald, Mya Austrie, Madison Davis, and Grace Sookraj, under the guidance of Coach Stephen Marcel and Co-Coach Lindon Clarke.

Eulalie Rivera PreK-8 School Team 1 finished as the 2nd place team, represented by Paulo Balabis, Janearah Rogers, Rajahd Philip, and Charles Walter, coached by Irene Balabis and Co-Coach Sulaine Philip.

Semifinalists included Lockhart K-8 School Team 2, with students Shamar Mathurin Khan, D'Nayah Smith, Saleema Mathurin-Khan, Ashlyn Potter, and Joleigha LaPlace, coached by Aishia Isaac, as well as Lockhart K-8 School Team 1, with students Lyan Brito-Edwards, Alanyah Gabriel, Raja Jabran, and Jahymah White, coached by Denikah Harrigan.

In the High School division, St. Croix Educational Complex High School Team 1 emerged as the champions, with an exceptional performance by Samir Boucenna, Keemar Croskey, Myles Berkeley, Annabet Walter, and Iyana Gittens, led by Coach Linda James.

St. Croix Educational Complex High School Team 2 finished in 2nd place, represented by Xaire Simmons, Colum Morgan, Princess Busque, Lauren Jones, and Kameryn Padgett, under Co-Coach Charlene Nelson.

The semifinalists included Ivanna Eudora Kean High School Team 2, featuring students Helova Mathurin, Kathyana Paul, Sherona Steven, Ajoni Stapleton, and Keona Casimir, coached by Saturnel Djeutio, as well as Charlotte Amalie High School Team 1, represented by Jonathan Tucker, Malik Wells, Kailas Cohen, Jamahl Smith, and Andrea Daniel, coached by Zenique Fleming-James.

The winning teams from St. Croix Church of God Holiness Academy (Middle School) and St. Croix Educational Complex High School Team 1 (High School) will represent the Virgin Islands at the National Science Bowl Finals in Washington, D.C., from April 24 - 28, 2025. The VIDE wishes them success as they prepare to compete against top teams from across the nation.