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## Grace Brinsfield WINS North Dorchester Middle School's GEOGRAPHIC BEE

**Grace Brinsfield, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at North Dorchester Middle School** won the school-level competition of the **National Geographic Bee on January 13th** and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. The school-level Bee, in which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round of the 24<sup>th</sup> annual **National Geographic Bee**. The school winners, including Grace, will now take a **written test**; up to 100 of the top scorers on that test will compete in the **Maryland State Bee on March 30, 2012**.

Every student at NDMS participated in the preliminary round of the school's Bee, competing for one of ten finalist spots. The 10 finalists then competed in the school's finals on January 13<sup>th</sup>. **Mr. John Furey**, a **Salisbury State University** liaison and former social studies teacher, hosted this year's Geography Bee. Parents and students not competing were able to watch the Bee through the school's T.V. broadcast system. **The eighth grade TV enrichment class** produced and broadcast the show from the NDMS studio.

**Sixth grade finalists were Jaqueline Finnegan, Tyler Harding and Hailee Peters. 7<sup>th</sup> grade finalists were Brandon Hallbrook, Lemya Reeves and Jerome Thomas. 8<sup>th</sup> grade finalists were Grace Brinsfield, Robert Carson, Austin Loeffler and Brad Wilson. Jerome Thomas placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and Lemya Reeves place 3<sup>rd</sup> in the school's final.**



Front Row Left to Right - Jerome Thomas, Hailee Peters, Lemya Reeves, Grace Brinsfield; Back Row Left to Right - Austin Loeffler, Brad Wilson, Brandon Hallbrook, Tyler Harding, Robert Carson, Jaqueline Finnegan, Mr. Furey;