

SJE Student Qualifies for National Geographic Bee

ST. JOHN, Indiana-March 6, 2017--- SJE eighth grader Alex Balitewicz has qualified to compete in the National Geographic Bee! Alex's incredible knowledge of geography has earned him the spot to compete at the state level of the National Geographic Society's competition, where he will compete against top students from the 50 states. If he makes it through the state competition, he will move on to the national finals where he will have a shot at winning a \$50,000 college scholarship and a National Geographic sponsored trip to a destination of his choosing.

This is the second level of the National Geographic Bee competition, which is now in its 29th year. School Bees were held in schools with fourth- through eighth-grade students throughout the state to determine each school champion. School champions then took a qualifying test, which they submitted to the National Geographic Society. The National Geographic Society has invited up to 100 of the top-scoring students in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Department of Defense Dependents Schools and U.S. territories to compete in the State Bees.

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