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### **Local High School Students Take on the Challenge of the Oceans**

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Nine area high schools have teams of students competing in the Lake Sturgeon Bowl, the Wisconsin regional competition of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl. The bowl is a rapid-fire question and answer game competition featuring college level science questions relating to the oceans and Great Lakes. It is the only ocean science bowl in Wisconsin and one of only twenty-five in the nation. Media coverage is encouraged as a total of 24 Wisconsin teams answer a frenzy of ocean science questions for the LSB title.

This year the event will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2007 from 8:00 am until 5:30 pm. at the Engineering and Mathematical Sciences Building, 3200 N Cramer, on the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee campus.

Participating local schools are:

Clara Mohammed School (Milwaukee)  
Greenfield High School  
Inland Seas School  
Marquette High School (Milwaukee)  
Metropolitan High School (Milwaukee)  
New Berlin West High School  
Professional Learning Institute (Milwaukee)  
West Allis Central high School

For the sixth year the LSB challenges students with questions in physics, chemistry, biology, geology, geography, technology and water related sciences. The NOSB educational program is designed to generate interest in the ocean sciences among high school students and foster the next generation of marine scientists, educators and policy makers. It also informs the public about the importance of the oceans in our daily lives.

There are a variety of school and team prizes available for winners. In addition to sportsmanship awards and much needed classroom equipment for schools, past top prizes are enough to impress and motivate any junior scientist. All teams will have an opportunity to tour Discovery World at Pier Wisconsin. The winning team will get an all expense paid trip to NOSB Finals in Stony Brook, NY on April 28-30, 2007. Other winners are eligible for bowl related equipment, a behind-the-scenes tour of the John G. Shedd Aquarium in Chicago; and a one-day scientific voyage aboard the UWM research vessel *Neeskay*.

It is sponsored by the Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education (CORE) and hosted by UWM, the School of Continuing Education, and the Great Lakes WATER Institute. Additional support comes from the UW Sea Grant Institute, the Brunswick Public Foundation, We Energies and local foundations and companies. Over 100 scientists, researchers and community members volunteer their time and expertise for the event.

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