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British School of Washington Student wins DC Geographic Bee

Washington DC, April 18, 2005 – Ben Geyer, a Year 6 student at the British School of Washington, won the State-level competition of the National Geographic Bee and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. The state-level Bee, at which students took a written test on geography, was the second round of the 17th annual National Geographic Bee. The Bee is sponsored by the National Geographic Society. Ben had previously won the school's oral school-level exam and competed against other school winners at the state level.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for state champions and teacher-escorts to participate in the National Geographic Bee national championship on May 24 and 25. The first-place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship and a lifetime membership in the society.

“Jeopardy!” host Alex Trebek will moderate the national finals on May 25. The program will air on the National Geographic Channel, and afterward on public television stations, produced by Maryland Public Television. Check local listings for dates and times.

Anyone can brush up on geography with GeoBee Challenge, an online geography quiz at www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee, which poses five new questions a day from previous National Geographic Bees. The GeoBee Challenge board game, sold at Target stores nationwide, also provides geography fun for the whole family. The board game won the prestigious Parents' Choice Award.

The National Geographic Society is the world's largest nonprofit scientific and educational organization. The 116-year-old Society reflects the world through magazines, books, maps, television and interactive media. National Geographic magazine, the official journal of the Society, has a circulation of about 10 million and is read in every country in the world. National Geographic Channel, a daily television cable network that launched in the United States in January 2001 is available in more than 50 million homes. The Society has funded more than 7,500 scientific research projects and supports an education program combating geographic illiteracy.

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