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British School of Washington Student heads to National Geographic Bee

Washington DC, May 19, 2005 – Ben Geyer, a Year 6 student at the British School of Washington, won the State-level competition of the National Geographic Bee in April and is studiously preparing for the National Bee to be held next week. The state-level Bee, at which students took a written test on geography, was the second round of the 17<sup>th</sup> 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 provides 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. Ben doesn't have far to travel, but he and the school's Geography teacher, Mr. Williams, are excited about the event just the same.

“Jeopardy!” host Alex Trebek will moderate the national finals on May 25. The program will air on the National Geographic Channel on Wednesday, May 25, 2005, at 5p.m. and on Maryland Public Television (MPT) on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

Ben is in his first year at the British School of Washington, one of the British Schools of America. The British Schools of America were founded in 1998, when the first school opened in Washington D.C. The British Schools of Boston and Houston both opened in September 2000, the British School of Chicago opened in September 2001 and the British American School of Charlotte, the fifth school, opened in September 2004. It is anticipated during the next few years that the total number of British Schools of America will grow to 20, all located in major cities across the USA. Pupils at the British Schools of America follow the International Primary Curriculum, the National Curriculum of England through GCSEs and the International Baccalaureate Diploma. Teachers at the schools are recruited directly from the UK and are trained in the delivery of the National Curriculum, the IPC and the IB.

For more information on the British School of Washington, visit their website at [www.britishschool.org/washington](http://www.britishschool.org/washington) or contact Jenny Arwas, Headmistress of the British School of Washington at 202 829 3700.

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