

Marie Murphy Science Team Rocks

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Marie Murphy Science Olympiad team celebrates their 7th place finish

WILMETTE – Students from Marie Murphy School took 7th overall in field of 60 teams from 13 states at the Wright State Science Olympiad Invitational in Dayton, Ohio, on Jan. 28.

Stakes are high in this invitational, which hosts the former champions and elite competitors from each state. The Wright State Invitational is a precursor for national tournament set to take place in May 2017.

“The Wright State tournament is a great way for us to gauge how our team is doing not only compared to our fellow Illinois teams, but also at a National level. It also helps acclimate the team to what a large scale competition looks and feels like, which helps them down the road when the stakes are higher,” said Marie Murphy Science Olympiad Coach, Shannon Wright.

Awards were given to the top 8 teams, Marie Murphy students celebrated placing 7th overall, which situates them amongst the standout competitors in the nation. Marie Murphy students received

awards in the following areas:

- Bottle Rocket – 2nd – Jeffrey Yuan, Xingyuan Huang, Alex Aronov
- Crimebusters – 1st – Chelsea Lu & Izzy Hester
- Disease Detectives – 8th – Chelsea Lu & Xingyuan Huang
- Experimental Design – 1st – Dorothy Adams, Emilia McDougal, Mia Moline
- Food Science – 8th – Eric Liu & Dorothy Adams
- Microbe Mission – 8th – Alex Aronov & Chelsea Lu
- Optics – 4th – Eric Liu & Brian Shen
- Towers – 4th – Violet Cue & Ian Quan
- Write it Do it 7th – Ian Quan & Emilia McDougal

Marie Murphy competes again on February 11, 2017 at the Grayslake Invitational, which this year is hosting more than 40 teams from across the state. The Marie Murphy team works very hard all year round to prepare for these competitions practicing 2-3 times a week and on weekends.

If you are interested in learning more or would like to assist the Marie Murphy Science Olympiad Team, please mark your calendars for the annual Science Olympiad Pancake Breakfast set to take place on March 4th at Marie Murphy School from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. In addition to the breakfast, the team will be giving demonstrations of their building events and running fun activities. All money raised goes to support the Science Olympiad team in their quest to make it to the National Tournament in May.