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Saxe Middle School Student advances to state National Geographic Bee Competition



Saxe 6th grader and 2020 National GeoBee semifinalist Rowan Richey Elliot pictured with Saxe 6th Grade Social Studies teacher Christina Fulco (left-right).

New Canaan, CT (March 5, 2020). Saxe Middle School student **Rowan Richey Elliot** has advanced to the second level of the 2020 National Geographic “GeoBee” Competition following his win in the first round of the contest held earlier this year at Saxe. The 6th grader, who also won the competition at the school last year, will now compete in the semifinal round to be held at Central Connecticut State University on Friday, March 27, 2020.

This was the fourth consecutive year Saxe Middle School students competed in the contest. Faculty coordinators at Saxe included Christina Fulco, 6th Grade Social Studies teacher, and Andrew Fusci, 8th Grade U.S. History teacher.

“We are very happy to see Rowan advance to the next round of the GeoBee for the second year in a row,” said Christina Fulco. “Rowan shows not only extreme knowledge of the world around him but a serious passion for it as well, which is evident through his interest for new information. We are excited to see him succeed in the next round of the competition.”

The National Geographic Bee is designed for students in the fourth through eighth grades and takes place in thousands of schools across the United States and in the five U.S. Territories, as well as in Department of Defense Dependents Schools around the world. This year, an estimated 2.4 million students competed in the GeoBee, with 8,661 students becoming school champions. 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 were invited to compete in the State GeoBees.

State champions will receive a medal, \$1,000 in cash, and other prizes, as well as a trip to Washington, D.C., to represent their state in the National Championship, where they will compete for additional cash, awards and college scholarships. The second- and third-place State GeoBee winners will receive cash awards of \$300 and \$100, respectively.

The 2020 National Championship will take place May 18-21, 2020, at National Geographic headquarters in Washington, D.C.

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