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Astronomy Bowl 2010 Winners Announced

CONCORD, NH – The McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center hosted New Hampshire's fourth annual "Astronomy Bowl" on Saturday March 27th. Preston Morrissette, of Lakes Region Christian Academy in Laconia, took first place with a scholarship of \$1,000. Second place winner Samantha Ryan, also from Lakes Region Christian Academy, was awarded a \$500 scholarship. In third place was Naji Pride, a homeschool student from Lisbon, who was awarded a \$250 scholarship.

The Astronomy Bowl is a statewide competition for high school students to compete by answering questions about constellations, planets, stars, and other objects projected in the Discovery Center's state-of-the-art planetarium. The top three Astronomy Bowl winners received silver commemorative "astronomy" bowls, presented by NASA Astronaut Dr. Jay Buckley. The scholarship awards will be formally presented at Aerospacefest 2010 at the Discovery Center. The winners will also receive special recognition at the State House from Governor John Lynch and the members of the Executive Council.

The Astronomy Bowl was generously sponsored by All Metals Industries, Inc., Northeast Delta Dental, Rath, Young and Pignatelli, P.C., Lincoln Financial Group, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Eastpoint Strategies and Bianco Child & Family Therapy, LLC.

The new McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center is a lively science center, featuring 21st century interactive exhibits on aviation, astronomy, and Earth and space sciences, a state-of-the-art planetarium, and a variety of science and engineering programs. The engaging, robust educational programs are geared towards families, teens, seniors, students, community groups, and lifelong learners. For a full schedule of programming, visit www.starhop.com.

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