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**CHANDLER PREPARATORY ACADEMY WINS STATEWIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE BOWL;  
WILL REPRESENT ARIZONA IN UPCOMING NATIONAL COMPETITION**

*Televerde and Arizona Technology Council co-sponsored the April 21 event*

**Phoenix, Ariz. – April 24, 2007** – Twelve schools from across Arizona took part in the Arizona Middle School Science Bowl at ASU in Tempe last Saturday, April 21, 2007, but only one earned the right to represent the state in a national competition scheduled to take place in June. The winning team was Chandler Preparatory Academy (a Great Hearts Preparatory Academies member school), composed of students Jeremy Gin, Jonathan Hvi, Paras Mehta, Pamela Osborn Popp and Matthew Vendl, and coached by Kiann Robinson Mapes.

“Congratulations to all the schools and students who participated in the Science Bowl,” Governor Janet Napolitano said. “This event encourages learning in a fun, team-based approach, better prepares Arizona students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce and encourages future careers in science, technology, engineering and math.” Governor Napolitano officially declared April 21, 2007 as “Arizona Middle School Science Bowl Day.”

“I am thrilled that we played a part in the Science Bowl, which I think was very exciting for all the students who participated, and good for Arizona,” said James H. Hooker, Televerde’s president and CEO, and co-chairman of the Workforce Development Committee of the Arizona Technology Council. “Televerde is a strong supporter of education at all levels. We believe that nurturing a love of science in our children is so important, and we should do everything possible to encourage their creativity.”

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The other nine schools competing this year were: Coronado Elementary (Scottsdale), Madison Park School (Phoenix), BASIS Scottsdale, Kyrene Altadena Middle School (Phoenix), Emily Gray Junior High School (Tucson), BASIS Tucson, Heritage Charter Elementary School (Glendale), Westwind Preparatory Academy (Phoenix) and Sonoran Science Academy (Phoenix).

In a format similar to the game show *Jeopardy*, the teams had to beat the clock in correctly answering math and science trivia questions. Teams started competing in a round-robin format and then advanced through a four-round single-elimination tournament. In the final round, Chandler Preparatory Academy faced off against BASIS Tucson for the championship.

The decisive moment came when Chandler Preparatory Academy correctly named the three characteristics that affect the speed of sound in a substance — temperature, density and elasticity. The team will now represent Arizona in an all-expenses-paid trip the National Science Bowl® for Middle School Students competition in Denver, June 21-24, 2007.

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