

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **10 STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR 2014 NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BEE CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND, MAY 21**

*Round Will Air at 7 p.m. ET/PT on National Geographic Channel & Nat Geo WILD on May 22*

#### **WHO/WHAT:**

The preliminary round of the 26th annual National Geographic Bee was held today, Monday, May 19. The top 10 finishers — from the field of 54 state-level winners who took part in the prelims — will compete in the final round to be held at the National Geographic Society in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, May 21. First prize is a \$50,000 college scholarship, lifetime membership in the National Geographic Society and a trip to the Galápagos Islands. Second- and third-place winners receive \$25,000 and \$10,000 college scholarships respectively. This round of the competition will be simulcast in prime time on the National Geographic Channel and Nat Geo WILD on May 22 at 7 p.m. ET/PT.

The 10 finalists are:

- Tuvia Bergson-Michelson, CA
- Pranit Nanda, CO
- Ameya Mujumbar, FL
- Ansel Ahabue, GA
- Nick Rommel, MA
- Kyle Yu, OH
- Max Levine, RI
- Krish Patel, SC
- Akhil Rekulapelli, VA
- Asha Jain, WI

#### **WHEN/WHERE:**

Wednesday, May 21

Doors open to the media: 8:15 a.m. ET  
Doors close: 9:30 a.m. ET  
Competition: 10 a.m. to ~11:30 a.m. ET

National Geographic Society  
Grosvenor Auditorium  
1600 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

*\*Contestants as well as National Geographic spokespersons will be available for interviews directly after each competition.*

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