



Top 10 National Finalists: 2014 National Geographic Bee

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CALIFORNIA



Tuvya Bergson-Michelson is a 13-year-old 7th grader at The Nueva School in Hillsborough, near San Francisco. He represented California at the 2011 and 2013 National Geographic Bees. He loves geography for the lens it provides on the world. He is vice president of his school's student council.

COLORADO



Pranit Nanda is a 14-year-old 8th grader at Aurora Quest K-8 School in Aurora, east of Denver. He represented Colorado at the 2012 and 2013 National Geographic Bees. He's a four-time winner of the President's Award for Academic Excellence. He plays the violin and enjoys reading almanacs and atlases.

FLORIDA



Ameya Mujumdar is an 11-year-old 5th grader at Turner Elementary School in Tampa. He plays chess and piano and enjoys video games, especially Minecraft. The best place he has been to is Agra, where he saw the Taj Mahal. He hopes to visit Antarctica, as he would like to be in the middle of penguins.

GEORGIA



Ansel Ahabue is a 13-year-old 8th grader at Trickum Middle School in Lilburn, near Atlanta. His Academic Team will be taking part in the National Academic Championship later this month. His interests include geography, social studies, piano and drawing. He'd like to visit his parents' homeland, Nigeria.

MASSACHUSETTS



Nicholas Rommel is a 12-year-old 7th grader at Diamond Middle School in Lexington, northwest of Boston. He is fluent in Russian and German. He enjoys hiking and biking. He has hiked to the top of Mount Greylock, Massachusetts' highest point, and last summer he biked 27 miles on the Cape Cod Bikeway.

OHIO



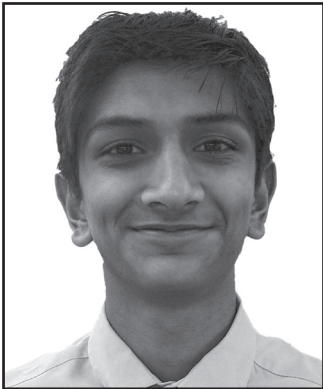
Kyle Yu is a 13-year-old 8th grader at Lee Burneson Middle School in Westlake, a suburb of Cleveland. He represented Ohio at the 2013 National Geographic Bee. He plays the clarinet and is on his school's Academic Challenge team. He enjoys swimming, biking and studying geography.

RHODE ISLAND



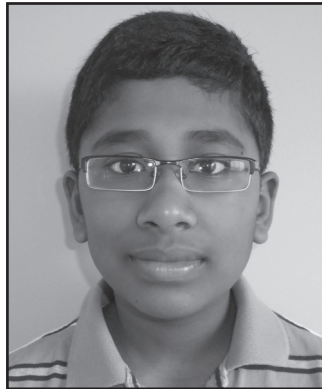
Max Levine is a 14-year-old 8th grader at Wheeler School in Providence. He represented Rhode Island at the 2012 National Geographic Bee. An avid downhill skier, he also enjoys playing tennis, playing the violin and learning foreign languages including Mandarin. If he could be anyone else, it would be U.S. ambassador to Israel.

SOUTH CAROLINA



Krish Patel is a 14-year-old 8th grader at Pinewood Preparatory School in Summerville, northwest of Charleston. He represented South Carolina at the 2011, 2012 and 2013 National Geographic Bees. He's captain of his Quiz Bowl team that has won two state championships. He loves playing and watching sports.

VIRGINIA



Akhil Rekulapelli is a 13-year-old 8th grader at Stone Hill Middle School in Ashburn, near Washington, D.C. He represented Virginia at the 2013 National Geographic Bee. He plays the clarinet in his school's top band and is a first degree black belt in tae kwon do. He hopes to work for Doctors Without Borders.

WISCONSIN



Asha Jain is a 14-year-old 8th grader at Minocqua-Hazelhurst-Lake Tomahawk Elementary School in Minocqua, northwestern Wisconsin. She represented Wisconsin at the 2013 National Geographic Bee. She participated in the 2013 World Championship geography contest in St. Petersburg, Russia.