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Florida Virtual School Names First-Ever National Geographic Bee School Champion

Orlando, FL (Feb. 5, 2018) – Florida Virtual School (FLVS) is proud to announce 6th grade student Jacob Maynard as its winner of the first round of the National Geographic Bee (Geo Bee) competition. Maynard competed alongside other members of the FLVS Geography Club, all of whom live in various cities across the state. The competition took place at the FLVS headquarters in Orlando. This was the first time FLVS, or any virtual school, has competed in the National Geo Bee.

For the 30th year, the National Geographic Society is holding the National Geographic Bee for students in the fourth through eighth grades 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. The school champions, including Maynard, will take a qualifying test as their next step in the competition. The 100 top scorers on that test in each state will then be eligible to compete in their state Bee on April 6, 2018.



“Participating in the Geography Bee is a fun way to nurture an appreciation for geography with our students and truly create active citizens that understand our world,” said Elise Harris, civics instructor at FLVS.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the state winners to participate in the Bee national championship round May 20-23, 2018. The first-place national champion will receive a \$50,000 college scholarship, a lifetime membership in the Society, including a subscription to National Geographic magazine, and an all-expense paid Lindblad expedition to the Galapagos Islands aboard the new National Geographic Endeavour II.

Maynard’s sister, Emily Maynard, took 2nd place in the competition. Both students are residents of Jacksonville, FL.

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