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Regina's WYSE team takes first place in regional competition

Regina Dominican's Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE) team came home February 4 with a first-place trophy for the regional Academic Challenge, held at Oakton Community College.

The all-girls school swept the competition in Math – traditionally seen as a skill better mastered by males than by females. Seniors Elizabeth Labuz and Elizabeth Nufer took first place. Tied at second place were seniors Rebecca Dieschbourg and Emi Rodin.

Other team medal-winners are as follows: **biology**: senior Hilary Bouxsein, first place and freshman Hannah Koch, third place; **English**: seniors Hilary Bouxsein, first place, and Brigid Ronan, third place; **chemistry**: senior Elizabeth Labuz, third place; **physics**: seniors Rebecca Dieschbourg and Emi Rodin, tied for second place, and junior Ashley Knorr, third place; and **engineering graphics**: junior Aura Labatete, third place.

Regina Dominican's WYSE team coaches are Mr. Robert Chrupka, physics; Ms. Julie McClure, English; Ms. Patsy Mueller, chemistry; Mrs. Patricia Fox, math; and Mrs. Bernadette Hayes, biology coach and team moderator.

WYSE Academic Challenges involve a battery of tests drawn from material at the senior high school and freshman college level. The next level of competition, Sectionals, will be held on Thursday, March 17.