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VCSU hosts regional science olympiad on March 24

Valley City State University hosted the Valley City Regional <u>Science Olympiad</u> for teams of high school and middle school students on Thursday, March 24. Approximately 300 students from 24 different schools competed.

The students participated in a variety of events including Ping Pong Parachute, Experimental Design, Crimebusters and Ornithology. In total, there were 21 events for the middle schoolers and 20 events for high schoolers.

<u>Teather Sundstrom</u>, Ph.D., VCSU associate professor of chemistry and VCSU Regional Director for Science Olympiad, said, "It was an exciting day having the kids back on campus after a two-year hiatus. Last year, we held the competition online and this year we had a hybrid event with three afternoons of online exams followed by Thursday's face-to-face activities. Learning science can be so intimidating but fun events like Science Olympiad help promote STEM."

The competitions were in Rhoades Science Center, Graichen Gym and Vangstad Auditorium. The event ended with an awards ceremony in Vangstad.

"It's rewarding to see so many budding scientists from our region. The top teams from the competition will move on to the state competition on April 23," said Sundstrom. Participating teams are listed below.

Division B (grades 6-9)

Place	School	Class	Town
1st	Central Cass	В	Casselton
2nd	Ben Franklin	Α	Fargo
3rd	Hillsboro	В	Hillsboro
4th	Litchville-Marion	В	Marion
5th	Central Cass	В	Casselton
6th	Northern Cass	В	Arthur
7th	Trinity Catholic	В	Dickinson
8th	Dakota Prairie	В	Petersburg
9th	Kulm	В	Kulm
10th	Gackle-Streeter	В	Gackle

Division C (grades 9-12)

Place	School	Class	Town
1st	Red River	Α	Grand Forks
2nd	Davies	Α	Fargo
3rd	Central Cass	В	Casselton
4th	Hillsboro	В	Hillsboro
5th	Northern Cass	В	Arthur
6th	Sheyenne	Α	Fargo
7th	Central Cass	В	Casselton
8th	Litchville-Marion	В	Marion
9th	Jamestown	Α	Jamestown
10th	Kulm	В	Kulm
11th	Dakota Prairie	В	Petersburg
12th	Davies	Α	Fargo
13th	Trinity Catholic	В	Dickinson
14th	Maple Valley	В	Tower City
15th	West Fargo	Α	West Fargo
16th	Fargo South	Α	Fargo
17th	Gackle-Streeter	В	Gackle
18th	Fargo North	Α	Fargo

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