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Mills University High School Students Win Arkansas Envirothon

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Mills University High School's Team 1 from Pulaski County Special School District recently won the Arkansas State Envirothon. The state competition is hosted by the University of Central Arkansas. Second through fifth place teams are: Mountain View High School, Sheridan High School (Team 1), Morrilton High School FFA, and Mills University High School (Team 2).

Seventeen five-member teams representing 12 Arkansas senior high schools competed in six environmental science competitions; wildlife, forestry, aquatics, soils, biodiversity, and biodiversity oral presentation. This year's 20 minute oral presentation focused on the environmental impact on biodiversity caused by natural gas drilling in the Fayetteville Shale region of Arkansas. Students, given an environmental scenario, had two and a half hours to develop a solution to a problem or problems presented in the scenario.

Arkansas' winning team will compete against U.S. State and Canadian Province teams at the Canon Envirothon Competition, in North Carolina in August 2009.

The Canon Envirothon is an annual competition for recognition and scholarships whereby student teams demonstrate their knowledge of environmental science and natural resource management. The teams exercise their training and problem-solving skills in a competition centered on four universal testing categories and a current environmental issue.

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