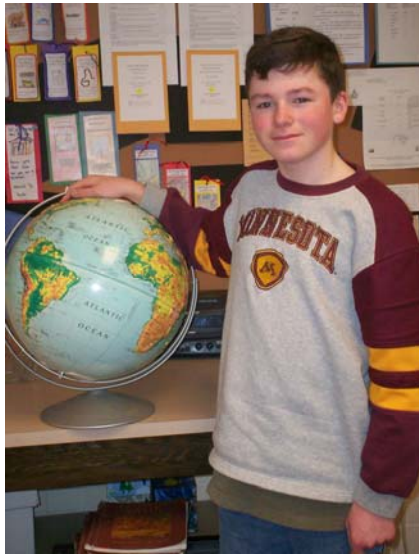


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## Westwood Middle School students excel in state academic competitions



### One of ten finalists in Minnesota State Geographic Bee

Ben Allen, a 6th grade student from Westwood Middle School, was one of 10 finalists to take part in the final round of the Minnesota State Geographic Bee.

Ben was one of only seven students to have a perfect score through the preliminary rounds.

This statewide event was held on March 30 at Macalester College in St. Paul.

On a national level, over 5 million fifth through eighth graders participate in the National Geographic Bee.



### Academic team is 2nd in state, 13th in nation in Knowledge Master Open

Westwood Middle School's 6th grade Knowledge Master Open team placed 2nd in the state in the academic competition's spring meet.

Nationally, the team placed 13th among the 404 other 6th grade teams.

Knowledge Master Open is a competition featuring a wide range of curriculum-based questions that students answer using a school computer. It features challenging questions and the need for intelligence and teamwork. The final score is based on accuracy as well as speed.

Team members are: (Back row) Matt Albers, Andy Johnson, Ben Allen, Lee Kallestad. (Front row) Nikitha Potturi, Emma Becken, Michele Heggerston, Jocelyn Bayer.