

High School Judoka Exhibits His Educational Superiority

Dimitri Petrenko, a judo student at Sawtelle Judo Dojo, led the Santa Monica High School team to win the U.S. Department of Energy's annual National Science Bowl. Dimitri who holds sankyu brown belt, said "We felt that if we were going to win it, it was going to be this year. Our team was just really solid". Dimitry and his teammates, Alexandre Boulgakov, Marino Di Franco, Ian Fels Scheffler, and coach Ingo Gaida planned to celebrate by going out to dinner.

Santa Monica High School, affectionately called, Samo High, beat 66 other teams to win the national title. Along with the national title, they won a trip to the 50th International Youth Science Forum in London this summer. The International Youth Science Forum will take place on July 23rd through August 6th 2008 and will bring over 300 students from almost 60 countries. During the two weeks, the participants will live together as an international community to exchange their ideas and experiences. The Forum will consist of:

- Lectures and demonstrations from leading scientists
- Seminars, debates and discussions on scientific topics of world concern
- Visits to industrial sites and research facilities
- Visits to academic research centres in London, Oxford and Cambridge
- Visits to the Science Museum and the Natural History Museum
- Social activities, including discos, inter-hall competitions, a light-hearted international cabaret and an evening of Songs of Home.
- Optional sightseeing tours of London, Stonehenge and Salisbury, Windsor and Hampton Court
- Optional visits to some of the best shows in London theatres



Dimitry is second from right holding the money.