



SKYVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

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The Montana Academic WorldQuest team from Billings Skyview would like to express our greatest appreciation to all who worked and contributed to making our experience as the Montana representative to the national Academic WorldQuest competition in Washington D.C. an educational, fun and memorable experience.

This was our first year to compete in the competition. We were especially challenged by the content we had to study to prepare for both the state and national events. However, the challenges were more than just the need to acquire the fundamental knowledge and facts of the topics. The process challenged us in our inner beings. Our developing worldviews could not remain unaffected when faced with the moral and ethical dilemmas that confront our present and future wellbeing on our planet.

The Academic WorldQuest was much more than a trivia or knowledge based competition. We were forced to wrestle with both reality vs. responsibility, the present vs. the future, national interests vs. world interests, human development vs. the environment, wealth vs. rights, connectivity vs. crime.

It will be impossible to not be permanently impacted by the foundational knowledge we gained through our involvement with the Academic WorldQuest. Young people need to be made aware of these problematic facts and trends as we will be the ones who will eventually debate, finance, and implement their solutions.

Thank you for your part in opening our eyes to a much bigger and complicated world than what we just see in the news. We hope you will continue to provide this amazing opportunity for many more years to the youth of Montana.

We invite you to celebrate with us our success at the national level in finishing fourth-place overall. It would not have been possible without your support.

With our more most sincere gratitude,

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