

## **Jupiter Environmental Academy Students Place at 2009 Canon Envirothon**

### **Teams from 45 States and Seven Canadian Provinces Competed in One of North America's Largest High School Environmental Education Competitions**

Students from Jupiter Environmental Academy took 6<sup>th</sup> place at the 2009 Canon Envirothon. The winning teams were announced during the closing ceremony of the weeklong North American environmental education competition held at the University of North Carolina – Asheville and sponsored by Canon U.S.A., Inc.

More than 260 teenagers from 45 U.S. states and seven Canadian provinces studied environmental issues and resource conservation, while competing for a share of more than \$125,000 in scholarships and Canon products. The Jupiter team, The Elementz, also tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Forestry and their Oral Presentation as well as received a total of \$7,000 in Canon scholarships. "Our team worked so hard preparing for the competition. We had so much fun. It was an amazing week!" said Team Captain, Lillian McBee. A list of schools/organizations finishing in the top 10 appear at the end of this announcement.

"Congratulations to all of the teams that participated in this year's Canon Envirothon," said Jack Suzuki, senior director and general manager, Corporate Communications Division, Canon U.S.A. "It has been truly inspiring to witness the dedication demonstrated by each student participating in this competition. The students' commitment embodies Canon's corporate philosophy of *Kyosei* – all people, regardless of race, religion, or culture, harmoniously living and working together into the future."

The Canon Envirothon tests teams on their knowledge of soils and land use, aquatic ecology, forestry, wildlife and a current environmental issue. The current issue for this year's competition was *Biodiversity in a Changing World*. The competing teams analyzed the long-term and short-term impacts of natural environmental occurrences and human activities on genes, species and ecosystems, relative to how each may influence or directly impact their future.

The 2010 competition will be held at the University of California – Merced, July 31<sup>st</sup> through August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

#### **The top 10 teams at the 2009 Canon Envirothon:**

<b>Place</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>City/Town</b>	<b>State</b>
First	Penncrest High School	Sanatoga	Pennsylvania
Second	West Johnston High School	Benson	North Carolina
Third	Carroll County High School	Westminster	Maryland
Fourth	Wilmington Charter School	Wilmington	Delaware
Fifth	Pembroke Hill High School	Kansas City	Missouri
<b>Sixth</b>	<b>Jupiter High School</b>	<b>Jupiter</b>	<b>Florida</b>
Seventh	Candor High School	Candor	New York
Eighth	Fort Defiance High School	Fort Defiance	Virginia
Ninth	Woodstock High School	Woodstock	Illinois
Ninth	Keene High School	Spofford	New Hampshire
Tenth	Housatonic Valley Regional	Falls Village	Connecticut

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**6th place Canon Envirothon winners, left to right:**

Phil Weinrich, Advisor

Jessamyn Ramsey

Nicole Casuso, Elementz Team

Samantha Huddleston, Elementz Team

Lillian McBee – Elementz Team Captain

Nathalie McCrate, Elementz Team

Sara Miller, Elementz Team