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### FINANCIAL REPORT

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| 2008 Budget             | \$32,725.00 |
| 2008 Total Income       | \$34,205.86 |
| 2008 Total Expenditures | \$26,080.36 |
| Canon Envirothon        |             |
| Representatives         | \$ 3,412.69 |
| Competition             | \$ 6,199.50 |
| State Competition       | \$ 6,869.05 |
| Scholarships            | \$ 3,550.00 |
| Training Workshops      | \$ 3,454.41 |
| Insurance               | \$ 750.00   |
| Marketing/Fundraising   | \$ 1,349.24 |
| Dues/Miscellaneous      | \$ 495.47   |



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# Delaware Envirothon 2008 Annual Report

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## Charter School of Wilmington Wins State Challenge Places 1st at Canon Envirothon

The Blackbird State Forest Education Center provided a serene backdrop for an intense day of challenging environmental competition during the 2008 Delaware Envirothon. Fourteen teams, each consisting of five Delaware high school students competed for the big win, after working hard all school year to prepare for the event. Each team answered questions, reviewed specimens and took measurements in topics that deal with aquatic ecology, forestry, soils/land-use, wildlife, and recreational impacts to natural resources.



Charter School of Wilmington—Team A (L to R) Advisor Beenu Gupta, Rebecca Roelofs, Lauren Bleakney, Erin McMillan, Matthew Fischel, Justin Kurian, and Advisor Dr. Rakesh Gupta

After more than three hours of testing, the tension eased when the Charter School of Wilmington Team A was crowned the 2008 state champion for the third consecutive year. Each team member from the first place team was rewarded with a \$3,000 per-year renewable academic scholarship from Wesley College and a \$500 scholarship from the Delaware Envirothon. The winning team also received an award plaque to hang in their school.

Charter School of Wilmington Team B placed second in the competition earning the \$300 Ernest J. Zimmerman Award for use towards an environmental education project at their school. Polytech Team A won third place and received the \$150 Dean C. Belt Award while the Polytech FFA Team B received the \$100 fourth place Chairman's Award. Each contestant and each volunteer received a commemorative T-shirt sponsored by Rohm and Haas and the Canon Envirothon.

Besides contending for the top prizes, awards were given out in each of the natural resource categories with the first place team members receiving a \$50 cash award and the 1<sup>st</sup> place forestry team receiving a \$100 award from the Delaware Tree Farm Committee. This year's awards program was sponsored by Del One Federal Credit Union and the Delaware Envirothon.



Members of Charter School of Wilmington—Team A accept their \$5,000 Canon Scholarships after winning first place.

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Thank you Christy Shaffer, DNREC Graphics Specialist, for designing the 2008 artwork

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A. I. DuPont High School—Green Giants



A. I. DuPont High School—Green Thumbs



Archmere Academy



St. Elizabeth High School



Sussex Tech High School—Team 1



Sussex Tech High School—Team 2

Awards were distributed as follows:

Charter School of Wilmington—Team A

- 1st Aquatic Ecology
- Forestry
- Soils/Land Use
- Wildlife
- Recreational Impacts
- 3rd Public Speaking

Charter School of Wilmington—Team B

- 1st Public Speaking
- 2nd Forestry
- Recreational Impacts
- 3rd Soils/Land Use

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- 2nd Wildlife
- Public Speaking

Polytech High School—Team A

- 2nd Soils/Land Use
- 3rd Aquatic Ecology
- Forestry
- Wildlife

Polytech High School FFA

- 2nd Aquatic Ecology
- 3rd Recreational Impacts



A. I. DuPont High School—Exxon Valdez



Charter School of Wilmington—Team A



Charter School of Wilmington—Team B



Hodgson Vo-Tech  
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Following the Delaware Envirothon, members of Charter's state championship team spent many hours preparing for the Canon Envirothon which was held July 28 through August 3 at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona. Their efforts paid off as they were announced as champions during the closing ceremony of the grueling week-long environmental education competition. The team from Delaware competed against more than 265 teenagers from 45 U.S. states and nine Canadian provinces.

Each student on the winning team received a \$5,000 scholarship from Canon and the team advisor received Canon video equipment to use in science education. It is important to note that the team came out on top—a whole 30 points ahead of the second place team. Charter was also honored for having the highest score in the category of wildlife.

Upon their arrival home, Charter team members and their advisors were greeted by a large gathering of families, friends and other supporters. Additionally, the team was officially recognized at the Kent Conservation District's (KCD) 11th annual Barn Dance fundraiser which directly benefits the Delaware Envirothon. Terry Pepper, KCD board member and Policy Advisor for Governor Ruth Ann Minner, presented a tribute signed by the Governor and Lt. Governor John Carney to Lauren Bleakney, representing the Charter School of Wilmington, for her team's accomplishments in winning first place in the Canon Envirothon. On behalf of her teammates and advisors, Lauren thanked the crowd of over 300 people for their continued support of the Delaware Envirothon.

*Terry Pepper presents the Governor's tribute to Charter School of Wilmington team member, Lauren Bleakney.*



## Students Study All Year For Competition Day

### Training workshops hold key to team success

Throughout the school year, the Delaware Envirothon Planning Committee conducts training workshops for each of the five resource areas the students will be tested on as well as public speaking. The workshops are taught by natural resource professionals and it is very advantageous for team members and advisors to attend. All training workshops involve traditional lecture time as well as hands-on activities. When it is possible, training materials in the form of presentations, handouts, and links to useful resources are also placed on the Delaware Envirothon website for use by advisors and students throughout the school year.



Kent County 4-H

### Thank you Rick!!

Thank you Rick Mickowski for serving as the Chairman of the Delaware Envirothon Planning Committee for the past four years. We have appreciated the dedicated leadership and guidance from you over the years and we look forward to the future with many more years of your support of the Delaware Envirothon program.



### Barn Dance

Special thanks goes out to the Kent Conservation District for continuing to host their annual Barn Dance Fundraiser and donating all proceeds to the Delaware Envirothon program. The 2008 Barn Dance contributed \$13,188 to the Envirothon. Over the past ten years the Kent Conservation District has donated over \$95,000 to our program. The planning committee, advisors and students appreciate the efforts of the District board and staff and those folks who have supported the Barn Dance over the years.



Polytech High School FFA



Polytech High School—Team A



Hodgson Vo-Tech FFA  
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