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## Vancouver Eighth Grader Wins National Geography Bee

competing from a field of nearly 6 million students, 13-year-old Lawson Fite has won this year's National Geography Bee. Fite is an eighth grade student at Shumway Middle School in Vancouver, Washington. His winnings include a \$25,000 college scholarship, \$500 cash, and four round-trip, first-class tickets to any Amtrak destination.

The finals of the Bee, held at National Geographic Society headquarters, and moderated by Alex Trebek, host of "Jeopardy", will be aired on OPB Saturday, May 23 at 6:00pm.

"These contestants can put an audience of well-educated adults to shame with the depth and breadth of their knowledge of the world," said Gilbert M. Grosvenor, president of the National Geographic Society. "They provide proof that when students are well taught, and are supported by their parents, there is no limit to how much they can learn about a subject."

The state bees, held March 27, were won by sixth-through eighth grade students who answered such questions as, "What city, once the capital of imperial Russia, is the easternmost port on the Gulf of Finland?" (Answer: St. Petersburg.) Fite won the nationals without having missed the answer to a single question.

In his spare time, winner Fite skis and collects baseball cards. His teacher is Theresa Peru and his role model is his grandfather because "he is honest."

The sponsors of the Bee are National Geographic World, the Society's magazine for children, and Amtrak, the nation's intercity passenger railroad.

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Mike Powell (center), world-record holder in the long jump and 1988 Olympic Silver Medal winner, receives The Jesse Owens International Trophy Award at the 12th Annual Dinner Award Ceremony at New York's Waldorf-Astoria.

Presenting the award are Mrs. Jesse Owens, Chairwoman of the Jesse Owens Foundation; Herbert P. Douglas, Jr. (second from left), President and Founder of the Jesse Owens International Trophy Award and Anheuser-Busch, Inc. executives, Patrick T. Stokes (right), President; and Henry H. Brown (left), Senior Vice President, Marketing Development and Affairs. Mr. Stokes served as the Dinner Chairman. The Award Dinner Ceremony attracted 850 people and raised more than \$300,000. Proceeds benefitted the Jesse Owens Scholarship Program and The U.S. Olympic Committee. The Jesse Owens International Trophy Award recognizes the accomplishments and dedication of Olympic and amateur athletes worldwide.

## Lt. General Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. And Rev. Jesse Jackson To Receive 1992 Bethune-DuBois Award

Lt. General Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. the first Black Air Force General and Leader of the Tuskegee Airmen; The honorable Jesse L. Jackson, Shadow Senator for the District of Columbia; Ms. Ingrid Sanders Jones, Vice president, The Coca-Cola Company; and Mr. Henry H. Brown, Senior Vice President of Marketing and Development Affairs for Anheuser-Busch, Inc. will receive the 1992 Bethune-DuBois Fund (BDF) distinguished service award. The awards will be presented during The Bethune-DuBois Fund's Seventh Annual Awards Dinner on Tuesday, June 9, 1992 at the Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Dr. C. Delores Tucker, president and Founder of the Bethune-DuBois Fund notes that honorees are selected based on their exemplification of the spirit of Mrs. Bethune and Dr. DuBois, through education, philanthropy, entrepreneurship, and service to all human-kind. Also chosen as a result of their commitment to community and to youth, the work of the living legends is further reflected in the diverse experience of this year's award recipients:

Lt. General Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. Despite national opposition and official military directives stating that Blacks were inferior, superstitious, and cowardly, Davis, with the help of African American congressman Oscar DePriest, entered West Point Academy in 1932.

He graduated 35th out of a class of 276 and went on to become the first Tuskegee Airman; and recipient of numerous U.S. and Foreign military decorations.

The Honorable Jesse L. Jackson One of America's foremost political figures, Reverend Jackson has played a major role in virtually every movement for empowerment, peace, civil rights, gender equality, economic and social justice. Called "the conscience of the nation", Jackson steadfastly continues to challenge America to establish just and humane priorities, and to push for a common ground across lines of race, class, gender and belief.

Ms. Ingrid Saunders Jones One of the few Black women to head a Fortune 500 corporate foundation, Ms. Jones is one of the most powerful executives in corporate America. Vice president of Corporate External Affairs of The Coca-Cola Company in Atlanta, Georgia, she is very active in promoting and improving educational programs and corporate involvement in the community.

Mr. Henry H. Brown recently appointed Senior Vice President of Anheuser-Busch, Inc., Mr. Brown has earned the reputation of being one of America's leading executives. He has received national recognition for his innovative marketing programs such as Budweiser's "Great Kings and Queens of Africa," often considered the nation's premiere cultural heritage program and one of the most significant corporate

community involvement efforts in the country.

Past awardees include Mr. Ron Brown, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee; Mr. Ted Turner, President and CEO of Cable News Network; The Congressional Black Caucus; Ms. Marian Wright Edelman, esq., President and Founder of the Children's Legal Defense Fund; Mr. William Lucy, Secretary Treasurer of AFSCME; and Chief Bashorun M.K.O. Abiola of Nigeria.

The Annual Awards Dinner is but one of the many community related activities of the Bethune-DuBois Fund. Other Programs include: the bi-monthly National Leadership Forum, The Augustus Hawkins Internship Program (on Capitol Hill) for minority college students, and the Annual Junior Associates Camp for inner-city youth.

Named in honor of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, founder of the National Council of Negro Women and Bethune-Cookman College, and W.E.B. DuBois, the first African American Ph.D. graduate from Harvard University and a founder of the NAACP, the Bethune-DuBois Fund is a non-profit organization established in 1984 to increase participation by African Americans in the political process. The Fund also seeks to encourage disadvantaged youth to reach their highest potential through increased exposure, education and understanding of the political process.

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