

Fourth Grader Wins School Geography Bee

Uwem Etuk, a fourth grade student at Trinity Lutheran School, won the school competition of the National Geographic Bee on Jan. 24 and a chance at a \$50,000 college scholarship. The school Bee, at which students answered questions on geography, was the first round in the 27th annual National Geographic Bee.

“He told me last year that he wanted to win next year as he watch as a third grader,” his dad, Ime Etuk, said. “He worked really hard to prepare to compete against eight graders.”

Uwem’s father is a film director and producer who owns Laugh, Cry, Love Entertainment, LLC; he graduated from Trinity Lutheran School in 1989 and is currently on

years in Hollywood, California. He recently directed an ad for Columbia Credit Union that aired during the Super Bowl on national TV.

Thousands of schools around the United States and in the five U.S. territories are participating in the 2015 Bee. The school champions, including Uwem, will take a written test; up to 100 of the top scorers on that test in each state will then be eligible to compete in their state Bee on March 27, 2015.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expenses paid trip to Washington D.C. for state winners to participate in the Bee national championship rounds May 11-13, 2015. The first place national



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From left, Uwem Etuk, first; Ezra Riedl, second; Elijah Oden-Orr, third and Trinity Lutheran Church member and Geographic Bee volunteer, former Principal James Riedl

May 13. The program will air on television. Everyone can test their geography knowledge with the exciting GeoBee Challenge, an online geography quiz at www.national-geographic.com/geobee, which poses 10 new questions a day, or by downloading the

“National Geographic GeoBee Challenge” app, with more than 1,000 questions culled from past Bees. For more information, visit www.national-geographic.com.

The first place national champion will receive a \$50,000 college scholarship

the TLS Board Education. He went on to graduate from Thomas Jefferson High School; Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia; and the Directors Guild of America Producer Training Plan.

Etuk moved back home to Oregon to be closer to family and base his film production business out of Portland after spending

champion will receive a \$50,000 college scholarship, a lifetime membership in the Society including a subscription to National Geographic magazine, and a trip to the Galapagos Islands, courtesy of Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic.

Award-winning journalist Soledad O’Brien will moderate the national finals on

Bank Offers Financial Education to Churches

By Tom Unger, Wells Fargo Oregon Region Communications

PORTLAND — Wells Fargo team members will present the first in a quarterly series of Financial Fellowship Seminars in Portland on Feb. 28 with head pastors and associate pastors from about 25 local African American churches expected to attend.

Congregants often turn to their pastor for

advice about a financial issue, whether it’s a mortgage problem, college loan, or retirement. The pastor might not know how to guide them. The seminars are intended to inform the pastors about these issues and the many services available at Wells Fargo in the event that someone they know seeks financial advice, Jackson said.

The seminar will run 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and consist of a number of financial education presentations by Wells Fargo

team members. The topics will include avoid foreclosure, plan for retirement, buy a home, repair a damaged credit history and seek a job at Wells Fargo.

Jackson worked with Community Outreach Consultant Frank Howard Jr. and Regional Diverse Segments Consultant Darius Toston (both of Home Mortgage) to organize the seminar. All three will speak there.

“The clergy has an avenue to the community that seems to be underserved or is not coming out for our financial literacy and homeownership education,” said Frank. “They might be able to reach that section of the community we haven’t been able to tap.”

Jackson, Frank and Darius modeled the content on a similar program Wells Fargo has run in Los Angeles for about three years, said Frank. The L.A. program



Wells Fargo’s Cobi Jackson, far right, is a vice president and community development officer in Portland. She handed out scholarships at *The Skanner News* King Breakfast.

has helped the community there become stronger financially, increased our company’s connection with the community and led to opening new Business Banking and Retail Banking accounts, he said.

The other presenters will include Regional Manager Kirk Mandlin of Wells Fargo

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