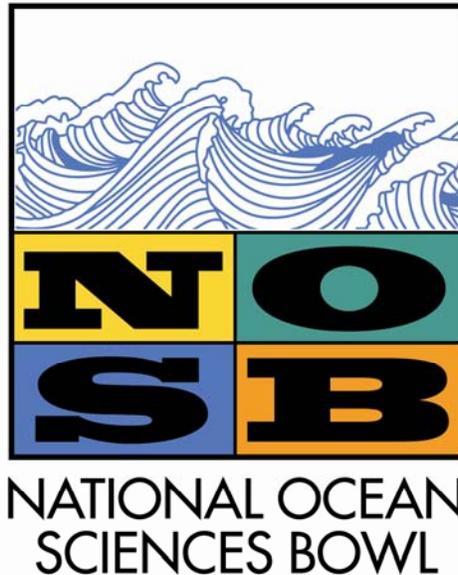


National Ocean Sciences Bowl Announces National Ocean Scholarship Program recipients



"Ocean Leadership is very proud of the funding that the National Ocean Scholar Program provides for NOSB alumni. The program's emphasis on support for freshmen and sophomores helps keep talented young people engaged in ocean studies at a critical time as they prepare for future careers in marine science and education," said Dr. Susan Cook, Education Director and Principal Investigator on the NSF and NOAA awards that provide the funding framework for NOSB.

Each year, NOSB awards four students with scholarships to encourage their pursuit of an undergraduate degree with a focus on the marine sciences. Scholars are given \$3,000/year for the first two years of their undergraduate studies for a total of \$6,000. Applicants must have participated in an NOSB competition during their high school career and must demonstrate a strong interest in pursuing a career in the marine sciences. For more information about the program, please visit the NOSB website, www.nosb.org.

2008 National Ocean Scholars Program Winners



Alexa Kretsch, from Eatontown, NJ will be studying Marine Biology at the University of Rhode Island in the fall. She served as captain of her National Ocean Sciences Bowl team at the Marine Academy of Science and Technology and also competed in Nationals in Seward, Alaska. She currently volunteers at the Howard Marine Sciences Laboratory helping to conduct research with a NOAA scientist and also aboard the Marine Academy of Science and Technology's own vessel.

Abigail Koss of Fort Collins, CO, will pursue a degree in Ocean Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She wants to one day, combine her interests in discovery and ocean science. Abigail is an exceptionally bright young lady and also represented Poudre High School in the National Ocean Sciences Bowl National Competition this year.



Alexandre Boulgakov of Santa Monica, CA, attended Santa Monica High School, and plans on attending the California Institute of Technology, where he will study Computer Science and Biology in hopes of studying Autonomous Underwater Vehicles. Alex has an interest in AUVs and robots and thinks that "ROVs and AUVs would be the best way to explore the unknown depths of the oceans and the creatures within."

Kasey Schultz of Long Beach, MS was a member of the Nationals team at Long Beach High School, and will work towards his degree in Biochemistry and Marine Science at the University of Miami. His hope is that double majoring in biochemistry and marine biology "will make me qualified to identify marine biogenous compounds and to discover their possible application to human internal medicine."

