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## Two Local Students Head to National Geographic Bee State Finals



Samuel SooHoo, Orinda Intermediate School's geography bee winner Photos provided

Orinda Intermediate School seventh-grader Samuel SooHoo and Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School sixth-grader Adriana Derksen qualified to represent their schools and participate at the state level of the National Geographic Bee, sponsored by Google and Plum Creek, to be held April 5 in Sacramento.

After winning their individual school bee, the students took a qualifying test, which they submitted to the National Geographic Society. More than 2,000 schools competed this year, with only the top 109 students in California advancing to the state level. The top 10 students overall will advance to the final rounds.

The state winner will receive \$100, the "Complete National Geographic" on DVD, and a trip to Washington, D. C. where he/she will represent California in the national finals at National Geographic headquarters May 20-22. The first-place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship and lifetime membership in the society.

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Adriana Derksen, Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School's geography bee winner

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