

Miles Buroker Wins Hillcrest Middle School Geography Bee

Moves One Step Closer to \$25,000 College Scholarship

Miles Buroker, a seventh grade student at Hillcrest Middle School, won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee on January 16, 2009 and earned a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship.

The school-level Bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 21st annual National Geographic Bee. The Bee is sponsored by the National Geographic Society.

The kickoff for this year's Bee was during the week of January 5th and the competition involving all Hillcrest students concluded with ten finalists, including runner-up Max Graham.

Miles has also taken a written test to determine if he will advance to the next level of competition. Up to one hundred of the top scorers in Connecticut will be eligible to compete in our state Bee on April 3, 2009.

Editor's Note: The ACE Foundation's grant funded Hillcrest's registration fee to enable all of the school's students to participate in this competition in their thirty-five Social Studies classes followed by the school-level competition involving the top ten finalists.