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Chemical Educational Foundation Hosts 15th Annual *You Be The Chemist* Challenge

Forty-two 5th-8th grade students to compete in national chemistry competition

ARLINGTON, VA – The Chemical Educational Foundation (CEF) will host its 15th annual National *You Be The Chemist*[™] Challenge in Washington, DC on Monday, June 17.

CEF, a nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring students to pursue chemistry and STEM-related learning and careers, will welcome 42 students to compete onstage at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in a quiz-bowl style chemistry competition. The top 4 winners will receive scholarship checks to be used for higher education later in their academic careers.

Each participant competed at the local level and won their state level competition, besting more than 60,000 students who competed in local *You Be The Chemist* Challenges nationwide during the school year.

“We are thrilled to have these students attend the National Challenge as part of the 15th anniversary of our *You Be The Chemist* programs,” said CEF Executive Director Dwayne Sattler. “Each of these students has already accomplished so much by making it onto the national stage – I can’t wait to see where they will go from here and what they will accomplish in the next 15 years.”

Also attending the event will be teachers from across the country recognized for their dedication to teaching the science of chemistry and CEF industry supporters and sponsors. CEF will celebrate its 30th anniversary and the 15th anniversary of its *You Be The Chemist* programs as part of the event.

CEF’s *You Be The Chemist* programs are designed to inspire students, engage educators, and strengthen communities to build a better world through the science of chemistry. CEF also connects businesses and employees with local schools through its programs to create sustained relationships with teachers and students, introducing students to the career opportunities available in STEM fields. Last year, *You Be The Chemist* reached more than 650,000 students across the country.

The National Challenge will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on June 17 and will be hosted by Dr. Calvin Emanuel of Shell Chemical LP.

More information about the National Challenge can be found at www.chemed.org/.

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