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The Science Coalition Congratulates International Biology Olympiad Winners

Team USA Wins 4 Gold Medals for Third Consecutive Year

The Science Coalition, representing 46 of the nation's leading public and private research universities, congratulates Team USA for its outstanding achievement at the International Biology Olympiad for high school students. The competition took place July 12-19, 2009 in Tsukuba, Japan.

"It's encouraging to see young students rise to this level of excellence in science," said Science Coalition President Bill Andresen of the University of Pennsylvania. "They belong to the next generation of talented scientists, engineers and researchers America needs to tackle the challenges ahead."

2009 was the third consecutive year of gold medal wins for the U.S. team. Team USA competed with teams from 55 other countries in this year's prestigious competition.

The U.S. gold medal winners at IBO 2009 are:

- **Jonathan Liang, Thomas S. Wootton High School, North Potomac, MD**
- **Seungsoo Kim, Mountain View High School, Vancouver, WA**
- **Jonathan Gootenberg, Montgomery Blair High School, Rockville, MD**
- **David Huang, Charter School of Wilmington, Hockessin, DE**

U.S. team members Jonathan Liang (MD) and Seungsoo Kim (WA) scored first and second, respectively, among students from around the world in the theoretical portion of the examination.

Nearly 10,000 students participated in the 2009 USA Biology Olympiad, the predecessor to the international competition. Organizers chose the four members of Team USA from among 20 national finalists, all of whom boasted outstanding academic records in science.

The Science Coalition is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization representing 46 of the nation's leading public and private research universities. It is dedicated to sustaining the federal government's investment in basic research as a means to stimulate the economy, drive innovation and secure America's global competitiveness.

