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DURHAM, N.H. - Fifteen teams of high school students from Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont competed in the annual regional ocean sciences bowl, The Nor'easter Bowl, held at the University of New Hampshire on Saturday, Feb. 9. Students from ConVal High School in Peterborough were victorious in this regional academic competition focused on concepts in oceanography and marine sciences. The winning coach and team members include: Lily Beyer, Katherine Lantz, Terra Fletcher, Alice Hall, Mara Zrzavy, and Coach Ken Cloutier.

The National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB) is a program of the Consortium for Ocean Leadership located in Washington, DC and currently supports 25 regional competitions across the country. ConVal High School will go on to compete against 24 other regional champions in the 11th Annual NOSB during April 24-27 in Seward, AK.

"Our oceans play a significant role in regulating our weather and climate along with sustainable life," says Mark Wiley, regional coordinator for the competition. "I'm hoping that the interest and enthusiasm shown by these students today will begin to improve the awareness of our oceans in their daily lives and give them the momentum to move into the study of marine science and ultimately helping to advance the ocean challenges that lie ahead."

The NOSB competition includes question and answer "buzzer" rounds, team challenge questions, educational field trips and social activities that encourage interaction among student peers and with marine scientists. For more information on the competition or to view sample quiz questions, visit http://www.nosb.org.

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