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Science Olympiad winners announced

Washington High School in Beaufort County and Elm City Middle School in Wilson County were this year's big winners at the fourth annual Region 2 Science Olympiad held recently at East Carolina

University.

Sponsored by the Center for Science, Mathematics and Technology Education in the College of Education, the event hosted nine high schools and 15 middle schools from eastern North Carolina with approximately 600 students competing in 45 events. Science projects ranged from building and testing bridges, airplanes and rockets to hands-on experiments in astronomy, biology, chemistry, geology, physics and engineering. More than 160 volunteers from ECU and the local scientific community organized and ran the competitive events.

"This was an impressive

turnout," Dr. Karen Daikons, director of the education center, said. "Each year the level of competitiveness and the quality of work is just remarkable. These students put in a great deal of effort and it showed."

The five top-scoring high schools and middle schools will advance to the state Science Olympiad on April 16 at NC State University.

Those schools, with highest-scoring listed first, include Washington, South Central, Like, Northside and J. H. Rose high schools; and Elm City, Cam. Epees, Redecorate, Aug.. Cox and Springfield middle schools.