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***Charter School of Wilmington Team A won the 2013 Delaware Envirothon. Team members (left to right) are Martin Kurian, Alex Mink, Jason Liu, Naman Agrawal and Gavy Aggarwal.***

### **Charter School of Wilmington Team “A” Wins State Championship in 2013 Delaware Envirothon Competition**

Dover (April 25, 2013) – Charter School of Wilmington Team A is the winner of the 2013 Delaware Envirothon competition held today at Wicked R Western Productions in Wyoming, Del. Charter School of Wilmington Team B placed second, and the team from Polytech High School won third place in the competition.

Eighteen teams prepared all school year for today’s competition. Each team answered questions, reviewed specimens and took measurements in topics dealing with aquatic ecology, soils/land-use, wildlife, forestry, air quality, and the current environmental issue - pastureland management. Teams also gave a 6 – 7 minute oral presentation discussing a resource management plan they developed for a given scenario. After more than three hours of testing, the results were announced. Charter School of Wilmington Team A, with top scores in soils, forestry and wildlife, was crowned the 2013 state champion.

Each team member from Wilmington Charter School’s Team A earned a \$500 scholarship from the Delaware Envirothon, a \$100 gift card and other prizes. The winning team will also receive an award plaque for their school. The second place team, Wilmington Charter School’s Team B, received the \$300 Ernest J. Zimmerman award towards the purchase of environmental education supplies. The third place team from Polytech High School received the \$150 Dean Belt award. Charter School of Wilmington Team C received \$100 for fourth place.

The state champions will now train for the 2013 North American Envirothon competition being held Aug. 4 - 9 at Montana State University in Bozeman, MT.

Prizes in the form of gift cards and ribbons are awarded to the top seven teams. The official results are as follows:

First Place Team: Charter School of Wilmington Team A  
Second Place Team: Charter School of Wilmington Team B  
Third Place Team: Polytech High School  
Fourth Place Team: Charter School of Wilmington Team C  
Fifth Place Team: A.I. DuPont High School Team Windmills  
Sixth Place Team: Hodgson VoTech FFA  
Seventh Place Team: A.I. DuPont High School Team Final Countdown

Since 1996, Delaware has hosted a state-wide Envirothon competition and has awarded \$27,000 in scholarships to 27 students. For more information about the Delaware Envirothon, please visit [www.delawareenvirothon.org](http://www.delawareenvirothon.org) or contact Michelle Jacobs at 302-535-7627.

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