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Charter School of Wilmington Team A wins state championship in 2015 Delaware Envirothon

DOVER (May 1, 2015) – Charter School of Wilmington is the winner of the 2015 Delaware Envirothon competition held yesterday at Cannery Village in Milton, marking the school 16th win in the event's 20-year history, including an unbroken winning streak since 2002. Charter's Team A took first place while Team C was second and Middletown High School placed third in the Envirothon competition.

The 24 competing Envirothon teams worked hard all school year to prepare for the event. 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 of urban/community forestry. Teams also had to give a six- to seven-minute oral presentation on a scenario for converting an abandoned 45-acre brownfield parcel into a 300-unit urban community. After more than three hours of testing, Charter School of Wilmington Team A was crowned the 2015 state champion.

Each member of the winning team 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, third and fourth place teams received more than \$1,670 in special team awards and cash prizes.

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

First place:	Charter School of Wilmington Team A
Second place:	Charter School of Wilmington Team C
Third place:	Middletown High School
Fourth place:	Charter School of Wilmington Team B
Fifth place:	Polytech High School, FFA
Sixth place:	Polytech High School, Environators
Seventh place:	Polytech High School, The Plastics

2015 marks the 20th year that Delaware has hosted a statewide Envirothon competition. Since then, the Delaware Envirothon has awarded \$50,000 in scholarships to 100 students.

For more information about the Delaware Envirothon, please visit www.delawareenvirothon.org or contact Rick Mickowski at 302-832-3100 ext. 113.