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## Troy High sets record with national science win

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The Troy High School Science Olympiad team set a national record with its first-place win at the Washington, D.C. competition Saturday.

"It feels really good," said team member and Troy senior Brady Yoon, 18. "This year, we were really nervous we weren't going to win it. There were so many good teams we thought we were going to lose."

They were contacted after the awards ceremony, medals around their necks clanking into the cell phone as they passed it around.

Judges announced results in the packed George Washington University stadium where organizers set up overflow rooms for the crowd to watch the ceremony on closed-circuit televisions.

The win makes three in a row for the Troy team, the first three-peat in the 24-year history of the Science Olympiad. Troy students have eight national wins overall and have made it through the regional competitions to nationals 13 times in the 20 years the school has competed.

The Olympiad includes 23 hands-on events and study competitions involving feats of engineering and precise mathematical and chemical calculations. The team members each specialize in only a few areas and compete in different events.

"I'm so excited," said one of the team's three captains, Tiffany Chen, 18. "There are so many different subjects, it's kind of hard to split 15 different people among all of them."

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