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**TEAM USA #1 TEAM IN THE WORLD
AND
#1 STUDENT AT THE INTERNATIONAL BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD**

McLean, Va. - July 21, 2011 - The Center for Excellence in Education (CEE) proudly announces that Team USA scored the highest overall points at the International Biology Olympiad (IBO) held in Taiwan this past week. Team USA competed in practical assessments and theory examinations against 58 other nations.

Team USA - Number One Team in the World:

- **Rebecca Shi, West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South, West Windsor, NJ**
- **Charles Du, University of Chicago Laboratory Schools, Chicago, IL**
- **Chelsea Voss, Cupertino High School, Cupertino, CA**
- **Shulin Ye, Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science, Denton, TX**

For the first time, a U.S. Team Member, Rebecca Shi, placed First in the World in individual scores at the International Biology Olympiad.

Team USA is comprised of the top four scoring students out of twenty finalists who participated in the USA Biology National Finals (USABO) which took place at Purdue University. Nearly 10,500 U.S. students from across the U.S. registered for the highly competitive USABO. Shi, Du, Voss and Ye excelled in intensive theoretical and practical tutorials, working with Purdue professors in the fields of cellular biology, microbiology, biotechnology, plant anatomy and physiology, animal anatomy and physiology, ethology, genetics and evolution, ecology, and biosystematics.

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“The United States was honored at the International Biology Olympiad by Team USA that earned Number One Team in the World, brought home 4 Gold Medals, and had the #1 Individual Scorer in the World,” said Joann DiGennaro, President of the Center for Excellence in Education. “Rebecca, Charles, Chelsea, and Shulin are role models for students who plan science careers.”

Supporters of the USA Biology Olympiad include, Amedisys, Biogen Idec Foundation, Bio-Rad, Genentech, Korean Air, LabCorp, National Association of Biology Teachers, Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative, Pearson, Purdue University, Psychomedics Corporation, Texas Instruments, Vanguard Research, Inc., and Ward’s Natural Science.

The scholars were accompanied by Ms. Kathy Frame of the Center for Excellence in Education and Dr. Scott Mills of Purdue University, USA Biology Olympiad (USABO) Coaches. All were flown to Taiwan courtesy of Korean Air, the official airline of the USA Biology Olympiad.

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