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# Media Release

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## Episcopal Day School Student Brennan Dampier Named Florida National Geographic State Bee Semifinalist by National Geographic Society

**Pensacola, FL February 29, 2016**— Episcopal Day School of Christ Church Parish (EDS) student Brennan Dampier has been notified by the National Geographic Society that he is one of the semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2016 Florida National Geographic State Bee. EDS students in grades 4 through 8 recently competed in the National Geographic Bee competition, and 8<sup>th</sup> grader Brennan Dampier was the school winner. The Florida state contest will be held at Jacksonville University on Friday, April 1, 2016.

This is the second level of the National Geographic Bee competition. School Bees were held in schools for students in grades 4 through 8 throughout the state to determine each school champion. School champions took an online qualifying test. The National Geographic Society has invited Brennan Dampier and up to 100 of the top-scoring students in each of the 50 states, District of Columbia, Department of Defense Dependents Schools and U.S. territories to compete in state Bees. The National Geographic Society is a global nonprofit membership organization driven by a passionate belief in the power of science, exploration and storytelling to change the world.

Sample questions from this year's school Bees included:

To fish in Lake Winnepesaukee [wi-neh-peh-SAW-kee] and ski near Franconia Notch, you would travel to which state—New Hampshire or South Dakota? New Hampshire

Visitors to Biscayne National Park in Florida can go fishing and lobstering along the shore of which kind of habitat—mangrove or desert? Mangrove

Episcopal Day School welcomes students of all faiths from six months through the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. EDS is committed to advancing the school's mission of preparing students for a life of learning and meaningful service in a diverse and global world by providing academic excellence and character formation inclusive of all of God's children and grounded in the Episcopal tradition.

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