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## **Local Student Named Florida National Geographic State Bee Semifinalist** **by National Geographic Society**

“It’s a great surprise and I’m really excited to go and compete at state!” A Creative Learning Academy eighth grader, Nicholas Skoufis, 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. This is the second consecutive year that Nicholas will be going to compete at the state level. The contest will be held at Jacksonville, FL on Friday, April 1, 2016.

This is the second level of the National Geographic Bee competition, which is now in its 28<sup>th</sup> year. School Bees were held in schools with fourth- through eighth-grade students throughout the state to determine each school champion. School champions then took an online qualifying test. The National Geographic Society has invited 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 the state Bees.

Each state champion will receive \$100, the National Geographic book “The National Parks: An Illustrated History” and a medal, and will journey to Washington, D.C., to represent their state in the National Geographic Bee Championship at National Geographic Society headquarters, May 22-25, 2016. The national champion will receive a \$50,000 college scholarship and lifetime membership in the National Geographic Society. The national champion will also travel (along with one parent or guardian), all expenses paid, to Alaska’s coastal wilderness, including Glacier Bay National Park, in recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Park Service. Travel for the trip is provided by Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic. Visit [www.natgeobee.org](http://www.natgeobee.org) for more information on the National Geographic Bee.

The 2016 National Geographic Bee Championship final round, moderated for the first time by journalist and humorist Mo Rocca, will air on the National Geographic Channel and Nat Geo WILD on Friday, May 27, at 8 p.m. ET, and later on public television stations. Check local television listings for airdate and time in your area.

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