

GWU Geography Students Take 2nd Place

2006 World Geography Bowl



George Washington University Geography students competed in the 2006 World Geography Bowl held on March 8, 2006 in Chicago at the annual conference of the Association of American Geographers (AAG). The GWU students represented the Mid-Atlantic Division (MAD) of the AAG. The MAD team is comprised entirely of GWU students.

The GWU-MAD team entered the Chicago competition as the defending National Champions. A total of eight students participated on the MAD team in Chicago including five graduate students, and three undergraduate students. Graduate students Derek Azar and Wesley Reisser served as the team's co-captains. Graduate students, Nathaniel Lewis, Patrick Ryan, and Susan Wolfinbarger accompanied by undergraduates

Tom Burns, Pedro Marinez, and Minna Scholl completed the team roster.

The team competed against several other regional teams from around the United States. The GWU-MAD team competed in 7 rounds during regular tournament play, winning 5 of the 7 their seven rounds, garnering a place in the championship round. GWU-MAD took 2nd place in the championship round – which earned them 2nd place in the overall World Geography Bowl competition. Graduate student, and co-captain, Wesley Reisser, was additionally recognized for scoring the second highest number of points out of all the students from the teams competing.

The team is currently hard at work again this Fall, holding regular practice sessions, and is looking forward to regional competition in West Virginia in November, and the 2007 World Geography Bowl in San Francisco in April. We wish them well in their future competitions!