

Five Macomb County students to compete in National Geographic Geobee on Friday

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Five students from Macomb County will compete in the National Geographic GeoBee state competition Friday, March 29 at Western Michigan University.

The competition is the second level of the annual GeoBee, now in its 31st year of championing geographic knowledge for fourth- through 8th-grade students. State competitions are happening in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, U.S. Atlantic and Pacific territories and Department of Defense Dependents Schools on Friday.

In Michigan, 107 students from grades four through eighth will be competing.

The five Macomb County students include:

- Eighth-grader Andrew Munya of Eppler Junior High School in Utica.
- Seventh-grader Roman Nowaczewski of St. Joan of Arc School in St. Clair Shores.
- Seventh-grader Brendan Pawlicki of St. Lawrence School in Utica.
- Eighth-grader Ian Randall of Shelby Junior High School in Shelby Township.
- Eighth-grader Lorenc Gjogja of Wyandot Middle School in Clinton Township.

Students are competing for prizes and a chance to advance to the national competition, which will be held at National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington, D.C. May 19-22.

Preliminary rounds at Western Michigan take place at 12:30 p.m. at the Fetzer Center in Kalamazoo, with the final round beginning at 2:15 p.m.

One of the Macomb County students, Brendan Pawlicki, is the three-time [reigning Macomb Regional Spelling Bee champion](#). He is already scheduled to be in the Washington, D.C. area May 28-30 for the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

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