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BU's Department of Physical Sciences Host Fifth Annual Science Olympiad Competition for Miami-Dade and Broward High Schools

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Miami Shores, Fla. — More than 150 students from 11 high schools throughout Miami-Dade and Broward counties will participate in Barry University's Department of Physical Sciences fifth annual Science Olympiad competition tomorrow (April 7) from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., on the University's main campus in Miami Shores.

The one-day event is a high school science academic competition in chemistry and physics in which students compete in written tests, oral competitions and lab activities. Students are broken up into teams of six and compete throughout the day for various awards and recognitions, including a \$1,000 scholarship from Barry University. The Science Olympiad is the Department of Physical Sciences outreach program to high school students in the Miami-Dade and Broward area in support of the pursuit of excellence in science education. One of the primary goals of the Science Olympiad is to highlight the achievements of outstanding science students and increase the opportunities for female and minority students who have been traditionally underrepresented in the sciences.

"We encourage the students to excel in science, pursue it further in higher education and reward them for their hard work and dedication," said Dr. Tony Wallner, chair and professor in the Department of Physical Sciences. "This fits well with the mission of Barry University's view of a quality education with an emphasis on community service."

High schools participating in this year's event include: Archbishop Curley-Notre Dame High School; Barbara Goleman Senior High School; Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart; Hillel Community High School; Miami Palmetto Senior High; Monsignor Edward Pace High School; Pine Crest School; Piper High School; Rabbi Alexander S. Gross Hebrew Academy; South Miami Senior High School; and The School for Advanced Studies-North.

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