

2013 NEBRASKA STATE GEOGRAPHIC BEE RESULTS



"Niagara-On-The-Lake, which played a central role in the War of 1812, is located in which Canadian province?"

By giving a correct answer of "Ontario" during the championship round, Theodore Jansen of Paddock Road Elementary School in Omaha became the winner of the 2013 Nebraska State Geographic Bee.

In its 25th year, the Bee competition was sponsored by the National Geographic Society which, coincidentally, is in its 125th year of existence.

Coming in second, Tony Maras of Otte Middle School in Blair won the complete National Geographic DVD box set, a World map and a check for \$75.

Jansen's prizes were the same, however, he also received a \$100 check as well as an all-expenses-paid trip for him, his parents and his teacher to the National Geographic Bee championships in Washington, D.C. on May 22. Jansen also will compete to be named national champion and to win a \$25,000 scholarship. It's an event Jansen said he's very much looking forward to attending.

Congratulations to all 100 students who made it to the 2013 Nebraska State Geographic Bee finals, and to the Nebraska teachers who helped them get there.

First Place: Theodore Jansen, Grade 5, Paddock Road Elementary School in Omaha

Second Place: Tony Maras, Grade 6, Otte Middle School in Blair

Third Place: Sam Messbarger, Grade 8, McMillan Magnet Center in Omaha