

Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (NY-28) congratulated four St. Christopher Middle School students for reaching the national finals in the 2010 Science Bowl and winning the Solar Model Car Challenge.

“It’s extremely gratifying to see local students excelling in their pursuit of scientific knowledge,” said Slaughter. “A desire to learn is a reward in and of itself, but it is also critical for America’s future that we encourage the next generation of scientists and engineers. I congratulate the students from St. Christopher Middle School on their hard work and wish them luck as they continue to compete in future years.”

The team - Brian Balthasar, T.J. Dellavillia, Joe Lorenc, Joe Suhay and coach Celeste Scarozza – was recognized for their success by First Lady Michelle Obama at an awards ceremony Monday morning.

The National Science Bowl is a nationwide competition testing students’ knowledge of science across a wide range of disciplines. The 2010 finals took place from April 29 to May 4 in Washington, DC. St. Christopher School in Tonawanda is one of only 40 middle schools to reach the finals. Teams from Buffalo Prep and Monroe #1 BOCES Urban-Suburban Interdistrict Transfer Program also participated in the finals.

For more information on the National Science Bowl, please visit <http://www.scied.science.doe.gov/nsb/>