USM polymer science hosts high school competition

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HATTIESBURG, MS (WDAM) - Sixty students from seven South Mississippi high schools gathered on the Southern Miss campus Thursday to test their knowledge of polymer science and observe some scientific experiments.

It was part of the 6th annual Polymer Science High School Competition hosted by USM's School of Polymers and High Performance Materials.

Among the activities students participated in was a quiz bowl.

There are 10 high schools in Mississippi with polymer science programs.

"I think it's pretty interesting," said Trent Randall, a student at Petal High School who took part in the competition, "I still don't know what I want to do when I get older, but I think polymer science in high school is a great start if I do want to eventually go into the polymer science field," he said.

"I think it's cool that we can all come together and learn more together," said Caleb Flurry of Pascagoula High School, another student in the competition.

Hattiesburg's Presbyterian Christian High School took first place in the quiz bowl and was also named the overall winner.

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