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BHS Student Wins VT Brain Bee Competition

On February 9, 2019, 48 students representing seven high schools around the region traveled to the Larner College of Medicine at the University of Vermont in Burlington to compete in the 10th Annual Vermont Brain Bee, an event that tests students' knowledge about the brain, nervous system and neuroscience as a whole.

The schools that participated were: Burlington High, Champlain Valley Union, Essex High, Middlebury Union, Mount Abraham Union, Rice Memorial and So. Burlington High School.

Vilena Lee, a senior from Burlington High School, won the competition. Second place went to Isabelle Petrucci, senior at Essex High School and Grace Wideletz, a senior from Middlebury Union High School came in third.

The TEAM category had six teams of four students competing and the team that accumulates the most points from all of the events wins the team



Top Winners of 10th Vermont Brain Bee: 1st place winner, Vilena Lee, senior, Burlington High School, surrounded by 2nd place finisher Isabelle Petrucci, senior, Essex High on her left and Grace Wideletz, senior, Middlebury Union and 3rd place finisher on her right. competition. This plaque was awarded to Mt Abe's team.

As the Vermont winner, Vilena Lee will attend the U.S. Brain Bee Championships in Hershey, Penn. at the Penn State College of Medicine, which takes place April 12 to 14.

For more information about VT neuroscience for high school students, visit: vermontbrainbee.com.

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