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### **Pleasant Valley High School Envirothon Team Places 7<sup>th</sup> in NCF Envirothon International Competition**

The 32nd annual NCF-Envirothon competition, hosted by the National Conservation Foundation (NCF) and the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD), was held on July 25-28, 2021. Due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions and health concerns, the 2021 NCF-Envirothon competition was completely virtual, a first for the Envirothon program.

This year, 42 teams – 35 from the United States, four from Canada and three from China – competed in the NCF-Envirothon Competition for scholarships and awards.

Pennsylvania was proudly represented by the winners of the county and state competitions, the Reece's Pieces team of Pleasant Valley High School (Monroe County, PA). Members of the team include team captain Emma Barrett, Reece Kresge, Zachary Dooner, Jacob Possinger and Benjamin Keppel. The team members competing in the NCF-Competition were led by their advisor, Pleasant Valley High School teacher, Maricatherine Garr. **Pennsylvania placed seventh in the NCF-Envirothon landing the hard working students \$1,000 scholarships.**

*The Envirothon is an international environmental and natural resource problem-solving competition that builds leadership experience for high school students (grades 9-12 or ages 14-19). Incorporating STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) principles, experiential learning and hands-on outdoor field experiences, the Envirothon program encourages students to expand their knowledge and explore environmental education and natural resource conservation in the areas of Aquatic Ecology, Forestry, Soils and Land Use, Wildlife and Current Environmental Issues.*

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