

Aurora Public Schools

Aurora Quest Student Heading Back to National Geography Bee Competition



Aurora Quest K-8 eighth-grade student Pranit Nanda is a resident all-star when it comes to geographic knowledge. After capturing his third consecutive title at the Colorado Geographic Bee — a feat never before accomplished in the event’s 26-year history — Nanda will take his talents to the national stage in Washington, D.C.

Nanda competed against 99 other students during the state competition, held at the University of Denver earlier this month. When asked what sea in the Arctic Ocean separates the Taymyr Peninsula from the archipelago Novaya Zemlya, Nanda correctly replied “the Kara Sea.”

Nanda has increased his work ethic over the past three years, something he credits for his continuous improvement.

Congratulations, Pranit, and good luck at nationals!

One on One with APS Students: Calvin Pope

Aurora Public Schools abounds with great students who are role models to their peers, family and community. Periodically, we like to catch up with these students and find out interesting facts and tidbits about them.

Calvin Pope, eighth grader, East Middle School

What is your favorite subject in school?

“Math is my favorite subject. I like working with numbers, and I like money!”

What has been your favorite part about middle school?

“I’ve loved being able to play basketball, run track and wrestle competitively. Basketball has been my favorite.”

What are you looking forward to the most about going to high school?

“I’m looking forward to graduating and heading to college.”

What do you want to be when you grow up?

“I want to become a professional athlete. If that doesn’t work out, I’d like to be a lawyer or doctor. I can argue for days, so I think being a lawyer would fit me well. I’ve taken health classes since I was younger, so becoming a doctor has always been a possibility for me.”

Who do you look up to the most in your life?

“I look up to my parents the most because they want me to be better than they were.”



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