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**Pennsylvania Envirothon receives \$50,000 from Shell**

Shell, a committed sponsor and partner, awards \$50,000 to the Pennsylvania Envirothon. Shell supports the Envirothon and its educational initiatives, which improve student performance, encourage diversity, and benefit our nation's future competitiveness.

Shell is a leading oil and gas producer, a recognized pioneer in oil and gas exploration and production technology, and one of America's leading oil and natural gas producers, gasoline and natural gas marketers and petrochemical manufacturers. Shell takes great pride in the communities in which it has operations and is very supportive of civic and educational programs such as the Envirothon.



**Pictured left to right: Bill Kahler, PA Envirothon Chair; John Hines, Shell Government Relations Advisor; Karen Books, PA Envirothon Director; Lorelle Steach, PA Envirothon Executive Director; and Vince McCollum, PA Envirothon Vice-Chair.**

“The Envirothon program is an outstanding example of STEM in action. The vigorous preparation from students throughout the Commonwealth fosters healthy competition and is helping to foster a generation of Pennsylvanians who understand the value of Pennsylvania's environment and its future” stated John Hines, Shell Government Relations Advisor.

The Envirothon program produces students who are well-informed on environmental issues and real world scenarios. In addition to math, science, and technology, students also acquire the fundamental skills to think about, articulate, and share the knowledge they gain while preparing for the Envirothon competition. The program promotes stewardship, sustainability, green technology, team work, critical and analytical thinking and community awareness, all of which correlate to Shell's mission.

The grant from Shell enables the Pennsylvania Envirothon to offer hands-on and video trainings, provide resources, teaching tools and equipment that relate to the Envirothon stations. In addition, provide mini-grants and financial assistance to conservation districts, increase scholarship awards, and register a Pennsylvania representative to compete at the North American Envirothon.

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