



ODACS Winners
2026 AACS National Competition
April 14-16, Bob Jones University

ODACS students excelled at the AACS National Competition again this year. They earned a total of 71 points. Virginia students claimed the Cup of Excellence for the 22nd time in 24 years and the 27th time overall! A total of 27 ODACS entries placed in the top three, while several others qualified as finalists.

In addition to winning the Cup of Excellence, Virginia students won a new trophy, the Award of Excellence in Art, and tied with Georgia for the Award of Excellence in Academics.

Congratulations to our winners and to everybody who competed – you did a wonderful job!

Event	Student	School
<u>1st Place, National Champions</u>		
Bible Memory	Matthew Shelton	Granite Christian Academy, Wytheville
Topical Preaching	Benjamin Martin	Fairfax Baptist Temple Academy, Fairfax Station
Classical Guitar Solo	Sophie Maddy	Faith Baptist School, Fredericksburg
Large Instrumental Ensemble*		Bethel Christian School, Hampton
Original Persuasive Oratory	Dakota Moyer	Heritage Christian School, Woodbridge
Extemporaneous Speaking	Nidal Naysee	Valley Baptist Christian School, Edinburg
Oral Interpretation of Scripture	Lily Neese	Heritage Christian School, Woodbridge
Sculpture	Gideon Phillips	Spring City Baptist School, Cleveland
Garment Construction	Emma Williams	Heritage Christian School, Woodbridge
Digital Media	Laura Lopez	Keystone Christian Academy, Berryville
People and Animal Photography	Harrison Lampert	Fairfax Baptist Temple Academy, Fairfax Station
Spelling	Aiden Strickler	Valley Baptist Christian School, Edinburg
Science Fair: Biological Sciences	Ryan Agnew	Fairfax Baptist Temple Academy, Fairfax Station
Science Fair: Physical Sciences	Blossom Nguyen	Fairfax Baptist Temple Academy, Fairfax Station
<u>2nd Place</u>		
Orchestra/Band, Class A*		Bethel Christian School, Hampton
Handbell/Handchime Ensemble*		Fairfax Baptist Temple Academy, Fairfax Station
Calligraphy	Sarah Gallagher	Heritage Christian School, Woodbridge
Physics	Chidum Mbata	Temple Baptist School, Dulles
Spanish	Gabriela Lazo Umana	Heritage Christian School, Woodbridge
<u>3rd Place</u>		
Expository Preaching	Theo Munday	Fairfax Baptist Temple Academy, Fairfax Station
Large Vocal Ensemble*		Bethel Christian School, Hampton
Orchestra/Band, Class AA*		Fairfax Baptist Temple Academy, Fairfax Station
Classical Piano Duet*	Hudson/Hudson	Bethel Christian School, Hampton
Humorous Interpretation	Gideon Phillips	Spring City Baptist School, Cleveland
Polychromatic Drawing	Trey Gilmer	Jefferson Christian Academy, Ripplemead
Animation Videography*		Keystone Christian Academy, Berryville
U.S. History and Geography	Grace Topper	Temple Baptist School, Dulles

* In 2026, for the first time at the AACS National Competition, group categories earned double points.