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Oregon Catholic teen in running for Top Young Scientist

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Nikita Gaurav, an eighth-grader at Valley Catholic Middle School, Beaverton, Ore., is one of 10 finalists nationwide for the title of top young scientist. She will travel to New York to compete in the Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge on Tuesday. The winner will be awarded \$50,000 in U.S. savings bonds.

What are Gaurav's dreams? She said, "I would like to become an eco-friendly architect or a mechanical engineer who designs sustainable technology."

For more information on the competition, go to this Web site.

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