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SIFE places at nationals

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BENTONVILLE — The Northwest Arkansas Community College Students in Free Enterprise team received a finalist trophy in Kansas City, Mo., on Tuesday, finishing in the top eight at the SIFE National Championships.

The NWACC team advanced Monday into Tuesday's championship round of eight teams in the community college division, according to a news release from Jim Hall, NWACC public relations director. Places are only announced for the top four teams. NWACC placed in fifth through eighth place, so the team received a finalist trophy with no place indicated. "This is very exciting," said NWACC President Becky Paneitz, who attended the twoday competition. "Our team did a wonderful job presenting. We're so proud of them and their many talents.

The NWACC team competed at the Kansas City Convention Center, and winners were announced late Tuesday afternoon.

NWACC won the Midwest Regional competition in St. Louis in April. It was the team's second straight year to win the regional contest.

The college's team also won the SIFE Regional Championship title eight years ago.

This is the eighth time NWACC's SIFE club has been honored and the first time it has advanced to the national championship final round.

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This NWACC team consists of 25 members, up from 16 a year ago. Among those who competed were SIFE student president Becky Hudson, Angie Francis, Jonathan Mooney, Chris Starnes, Jennifer Vandiver and Ricky Jones.

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