



1997

ACADEMIC GAMES LEAGUES OF AMERICA

SOLUTIONS

1997 ACADEMIC GAMES NATIONALS



**U CAN'T STOP DA REIGN
SR. SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS**



**CONSTELLATION
ELEMENTARY SWEEPSTAKES CHAMPS**

Excitement and adventure were the bywords as 1,274 individuals journeyed to Kissimmee, Florida, near the entrance to Walt Disney World, for the Academic Games National Tournament, April 27 - May 1, 1997. For the first time in history, over 1,000 players competed. It was thrilling to watch a thousand young minds plotting mathematical strategies in EQUATIONS, searching memory banks for Presidential clues, analyzing advertisers' propaganda techniques, creating clever sentences with a rich vocabulary, and verifying information about The Crusades. There was electricity in the air!

Winners from local leagues in Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Michigan, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, plus a single player from Virginia, competed feverishly in six different Academic Games -- EQUATIONS, ON-SETS, WORLD EVENTS, PRESIDENTS, LINGUISHTIK, and PROPAGANDA -- in four Divisions -- Elementary (Grades 4-6), Middle (7-8), Junior (9-10), and Senior (11-12).

In the cube games, four regular Tournament rounds in each game were followed by intense individual and team playoffs. Both the Elementary and Middle Divisions had nine teams in the playoffs for EQUATIONS, setting up thrilling semi-final and final matches. Play was intense and challenging, yet players had fun and enjoyed one another. In the reading games, only the smallest of margins separated the award winners from dozens

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And one to grow on...

The Summer of 1997 might very well be named "One to Grow On" by Academic Gamers of the future. For the first time in many years, an Executive Committee of the AGLOA Board met outside of National Tournament week to formulate policies for the long-term health of the AGLOA organization and its member schools. The purpose of the policy formulating was to establish guidelines for AGLOA to follow as it proceeds through an anticipated growth spurt in the next several years. AGLOA, Inc., has a Constitution and By-Laws under which it operates, but several policies and procedures are left to the Board to recommend and implement. Among the recommended policies and procedures are:

- 1) A reordering of the representation on the AGLOA Board to reflect current membership and to provide space for future growth.
- 2) Qualifying guidelines for participation in the AGLOA National Tournament. Standards have been desirable for many years. This policy, which will be modified in the light of experience in the next two years, will help new leagues determine how to plan and what to aim for.
- 3) Stipulation of a fair and impartial Appeals Process and an Arbitration Panel for managing protests about game situations, and/or accusations of a more serious nature. The traditional, informal process worked when the organization was smaller, but it needed updating and streamlining to accommodate the inevitable questions that accompany a competition as large as the AGLOA National Tournament has become.
- 4) Certification of judges for the cube games, so that each judge will know exactly what the National Rules are and how to implement them in game situations. Regional policies and procedures differ across the country, which causes disagreements at the National Tournament. Judge certification will have the dual benefit of making rulings consistent among current judges and also giving new judges a clear understanding of what they need to know to become a National judge. As a corollary to the certification process (which should be routine but instructive for existing judges), assignment of judges at the National Tournament will be done by two Officials Coordinators, so that there is a fair representation of all areas of the country in judging each game.
- 5) A formal process for interested writers to submit questions each year for the games of PRESIDENTS, PROPAGANDA, Current Events, and The Theme. AGLOA will collect these writings in the summer (accepted authors will be paid) and compile a Master List of questions/clues/examples that can be used in local and regional tournaments throughout the year. This will lessen the writing load for existing leagues (not everyone has to do everything) and also provide a ready-made resource for new leagues that wish to join AGLOA. Of course, the National Tournament questions/clues/examples are written by impartial third-parties who are not affiliated with or no longer active with member AGLOA schools.

We on the AGLOA Board are proud of the growth that has occurred in the past six years. That growth is a direct result of keeping our hearts and our minds on helping students learn. We do not ever want to lose that most-important focus. It is what we are all about. Providing challenges for students and watching their inevitable learning are the **only** things that matter. With that as our steadying guidepost, we also realize that we need to have clear and fair rules and procedures. The meeting in the Summer of 1997 was another step in this ongoing process. May we reflect fondly on this summer as our growth continues.

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of other players who were equally well prepared and fine-tuned. Literally, the players who "did it" on this "given day" -- the day of the Nationals -- were honored as champs.

The Tournament site allowed most guests to savor the delights of Walt Disney World and many other attractions in the Orlando area. In fact, on Tuesday evening of Tournament week, almost everyone enjoyed a "night off" at either Wet'N Wild (water theme park) or the Medieval Times (jousting knights) restaurant. The break was needed; players and adults came back refreshed for the final day.

Golden Glow

Inspires Thousands

The "Glow" is capped by the ever-present LSU logo. His wit is sharp and often zooms in on matters that few of us would imagine. His determination is fierce; his desire for quality and excellence have positively infected many students. The "Glow's" attention to detail is legendary. Academic Games were not invented by the "Glow", but they have been indelibly defined by his rulings and his documents. His character and integrity are models for us all. His unflinching resolve to do what is right fires our own sense of purpose and commitment. Mostly, the "Glow" -- **Br. Neal Golden of Brother Martin High School in New Orleans, Louisiana** -- has been an inspiration for thousands of students and Academic Gamers for the past 30 years.

At the 1997 National Tournament, it was the privilege of his friends and colleagues to honor Br. Neal for his long-standing service to Academic Games by awarding him a **Lifetime Excellence Award**. For over 30 years, Br. Neal has taught, coached, organized, administered, written, judged, and led us to be better Academic Games people -- as good as we could be. Many of his friends honored him with words. One of his closest associates and friends, Paula Hidalgo, sang a tribute to him. Stuart White and Jim Davis captured the precious moments in pictures and made him an album. We all thanked him.

Br. Neal Golden started the New Orleans Academic Games League in 1967. For three decades, he has taught and coached many National Academic Games champions. Many of his inspired students have gone on to successful careers of their own. He has shown other coaches how to judge and written the definitive rules by which we do so. He

was an integral partner in the process of creating Academic Games Leagues of America, Inc. What shines through, however, -- what "glows" -- is the character and honesty of Br. Neal Golden. Those of us who have had the pleasure of knowing him and working with him really treasure our association. He honors the Lifetime Excellence Award as it honors him.



The 1998 Academic Games National Tournament will take place April 26 - 30 at the Radisson Grand Resort in Fort Mill, South Carolina, which is located 18 miles South of Charlotte, North Carolina.

The Radisson Grand Resort is a beautiful facility, with large game playing spaces, spacious grounds, and very desirable rooms. All players and adults

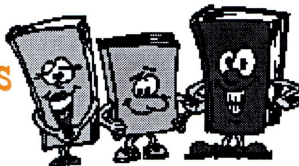
will be staying in the same four-story hotel, which is situated in the same building as the large playing areas for the Elementary and Middle Divisions. The High School players will be shuttled back and forth to the giant Assembly Hall for their competitions.

Fun activities, such as basketball, sand volleyball, roller skating, softball, and swimming, as well as many open areas for walking, talking, and enjoying, are available. On the Sunday that the Tournament begins, most groups will want to take advantage of the nearby Carowinds Amusement Park, an all-day event that features a water park, roller coasters, and all kinds of thrilling and enjoyable surprises. Information about all of these activities will be sent with the official Tournament announcement in December.

Of course, the exciting and challenging Tournament games will be the focus of everyone's attention. The AGLOA Board is anxiously awaiting the opportunity to host another super Tournament.

1997-98 Reading Game Topics

The reading game Topics for 1997-98 AGLOA competitions are:



PRESIDENTS:

Elementary & Middle Divisions: 1 - 24 only
Junior & Senior Divisions: 1 - 42

PROPAGANDA: Sections A B D F

WORLD EVENTS: Current Events Years 1996 & 1997

THEME:

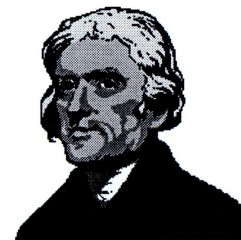
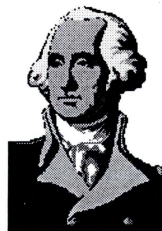
The Contiguous American West (1803 - 1912)

Sub-Topics Include:

- 1) Explorations & Geography
- 2) Native Americans
- 3) Agriculture
- 4) Industry
- 5) Settlement Issues
- 6) Law & Order

Do NOT include:

- a) Mexican War
- b) Texas War for Independence
- c) Civil War
- d) Spanish-American War



EVENT	SENIOR CHAMPIONS		JUNIOR CHAMPIONS	
	TEAMS	INDIVIDUALS	TEAMS	INDIVIDUALS
EQUATIONS	Mu Goo Gai Bagel Palm Beach, FL/Detroit Renaissance	Dan O'Connell Palm Beach County, FL	Blame It on The Reign Detroit Renaissance, MI	Kamal Cowles Detroit Renaissance, MI
ON-SETS	U Can't Stop Da Reign Detroit Renaissance, MI	Edgar Wayne, Nii-Adzei Tetteh Nicholas McClure, Det Ren, MI	Blame It on The Reign Detroit Renaissance, MI	Matt McCall Ann Arbor, MI
WORLD EVENTS	Pillaging the Dark Dome Lakeview, PA	Simon Zschirnt Palm Beach County, FL	We Don't Want a #@*Name! Eastern Panhandle, WV	Eli Perrone Eastern Panhandle, WV
PRESIDENTS	Flying Pillow Incident Elizabeth Forward, PA	Jay Cost Seneca Valley, PA	Beaver County Astros Beaver County, PA	David Lagattuta Allegheny Valley, PA
LINGUISHTIK	U Can't Stop Da Reign Detroit Renaissance, MI	Brian Shaw Ann Arbor, MI	Blame It on The Reign Detroit Renaissance, MI	Matt McCall Ann Arbor, MI
PROPAGANDA	Humahumanakanakapuea Jefferson Parish, LA	Judith Leung Broward County, FL	Indecent Exposure Palm Beach County, FL	Shannon Kelly Brooke County, WV
SWEEPSTAKES	U Can't Stop Da Reign Detroit Renaissance, MI	Edgar Wayne Detroit Renaissance, MI	Eternal Reign Detroit Renaissance, MI	Clover McFadden Detroit Renaissance, MI

EVENT	MIDDLE CHAMPIONS		ELEMENTARY CHAMPIONS	
	TEAMS	INDIVIDUALS	TEAMS	AREAS
EQUATIONS	The Rebellion Ann Arbor, MI	Sandra Larson Ann Arbor, MI	Constellation	Jefferson Parish, LA
ON-SETS	3 Guys, A Girl, & Gram New Orleans, LA	Eric Burnstein, AA, MI Richie Suarez, Michael Robertson, NO, LA	Eagle Phenomenon	New Orleans, LA
WORLD EVENTS	Martinsburg Mafia Eastern Panhandle, WV	Erik Makni Indian River County, FL	The Templars	Palm Beach County, FL
PRESIDENTS	Urban Crusaders Palm Beach County, FL	Josh Solomon Palm Beach County, FL	Constellation	Jefferson Parish, LA
LINGUISHTIK	The Rebellion Ann Arbor, MI	Mimi Shih Ann Arbor, MI	Constellation	Jefferson Parish, LA
PROPAGANDA	3 Guys, A Girl, & Gram New Orleans, LA	Carly Sanfilipo Palm Beach County, FL	Constellation	Jefferson Parish, LA
SWEEPSTAKES	3 Guys, A Girl, & Gram New Orleans, LA	Colin Kelly Palm Beach County, FL	Constellation	Jefferson Parish, LA

Special Awards to Outstanding Students and Teachers



**JONATHON GAFFNEY with
SUE ANNE LINNENBOM**



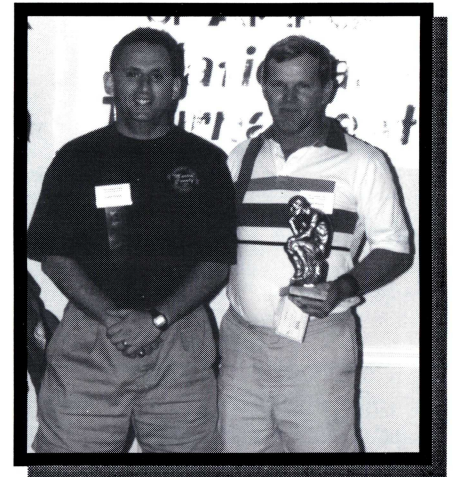
KATHRYN MESSNER



**SANDY BENNET (Left)
with DRUE LEWIS**

The 1997 Outstanding Seniors were ... well, outstanding! They were recognized for their positive qualities of scholarship, service, and dedication to the Academic Games program over many years. Each of the honorees had superior competitive records as well as exemplary contributions to their fellow players and coaches. The 1997 inductees into the **Senior Player Hall of Fame** are: **JONATHON GAFFNEY, Blackhawk, PA; STARLI KLOBETANZ, Riverside, PA; KAREN KOLLER, Montour, PA; MATT LEROY, Ann Arbor, MI; and ADRIAN PRATHER, Detroit, MI.**

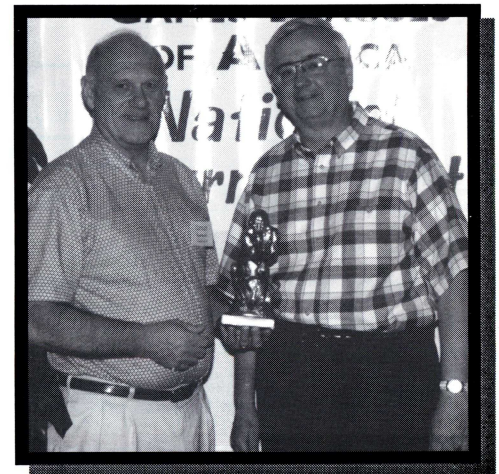
Players and colleagues nominated a super group of individuals for induction into the **Teacher/Coach Hall of Fame**. The AGLOA Board selected five honorees for 1997, based upon quality contributions over an extended period of time to their local Academic Games Leagues and at the National Tournament. Each of these Academic Games coaches has had a special impact on the lives and careers of many of their students. The honorees are: **Fran Barbic (Elementary coordinator) Allegheny Valley, PA; Sandi Bennett (Curtis School), New Orleans, LA; John Liddle (parent volunteer), Walled Lake, MI; Kathryn Messner (college student), Ann Arbor, MI; and Ron Powell (teacher and mentor), Martin County, FL.**



**RON POWELL (Right)
with LARRY GREEN**



**JOHN LIDDLE (Center) with
BETTIE BARTON and
GERRY COUSINS**



FRAN BARBIC (Left) with JIM DAVIS

Who is that Growing?

Academic Games Leagues are growing, expanding, and emerging in a number of areas. The most explosive growth in recent years has been in **Georgia**, where there are now three young leagues -- **Baldwin County, Jones County, and Wilkinson County**. The mover and shaker in this area has been **Kathy Boswell**, who did most of the original training and provides ongoing support. Leagues in this area play LINGUISHTIK, EQUATIONS, PROPAGANDA, WORLD EVENTS, and PRESIDENTS.

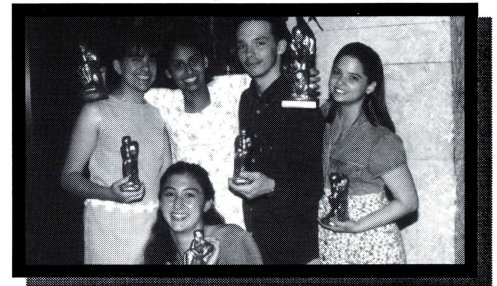
Our hosts for 1998 will be **Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools** in Charlotte, North Carolina. In 1997, the number of schools in the League expanded from two to seven, and the number of players nearly tripled. Plans for 1997-98 include possible expansion to some public schools in Charlotte. The games of EQUATIONS, PRESIDENTS, and PROPAGANDA are part of the MACS League, which is coordinated by **Lydia Comerford**.

The **St. Bernard Parish, LA**, Academic Games League, headed by **Brenda Montalbano**, has recently emerged from a fledgling program to a solidly-rooted enterprise. Some of the St. Bernard Parish schools formerly competed with the New Orleans League. Now, with the advice and encouragement of Br. Neal Golden, the St. Bernard League conducts its own tournaments in EQUATIONS, ON-SETS, PRESIDENTS, and PROPAGANDA.

Interest is sprouting in other areas also, based upon the efforts of experienced Academic Gamers. **Julie Becker** is finding time in her busy Law School schedule to nourish some new players in the New Haven, Connecticut area. Some progress is being made in the State of Virginia. The magic of Academic Gaming is spreading to infect new players and coaches with the inspiration that all of us have felt for many years.



**PILLAGING THE DARK DOME
SR. WORLD EVENTS WONDERS**



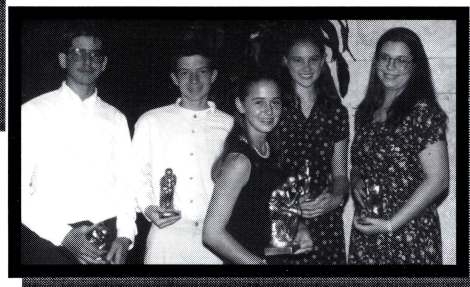
**HUMAHUMANAKANAKA PUEA
SR. PROPAGANDA PURISTS**



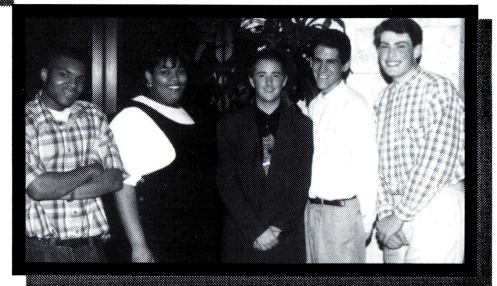
**FLYING PILLOW INCIDENT
SR. PRESIDENTS WINNERS**



**BEAVER COUNTY ASTROS
JUNIOR PRESIDENTS WINNERS**



**INDECENT EXPOSURE
JUNIOR PROPAGANDA ACES**



**MU GOO GAI BAGEL
SR. EQUATIONS WHIZZES**



**WE DON'T WANT NO NAME
JR. WORLD EVENTS WHIZZES**



**THE REBELLION
MIDDLE EQUATIONS & LINGUISHTIK WINNERS**



**3 GUYS, A GIRL AND GRAM
MIDDLE SWEEPSTAKES CHAMPS**



**ETERNAL REIGN
JR. SWEEPSTAKES CHAMPS**



**EAGLE PHENOMENON
ELEMENTARY ON-SETS ACES**



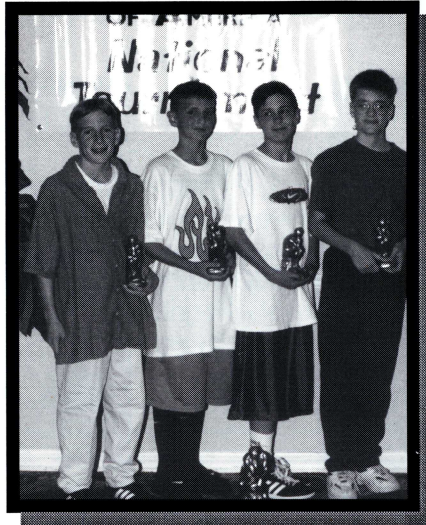
**THE TEMPLARS
ELEMENTARY WORLD EVENTS WINNERS**



**URBAN CRUSADERS
MIDDLE PRESIDENTS CHAMPS**



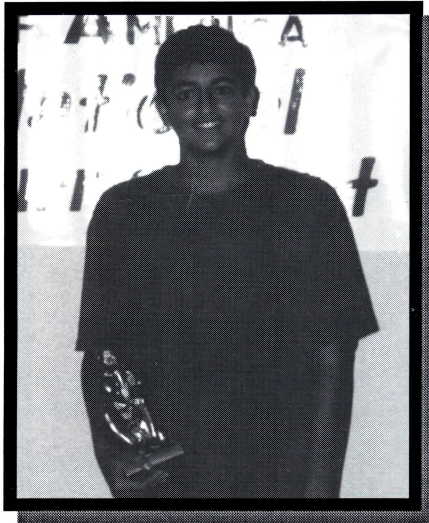
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MARTINSBURG MAFIA
MIDDLE WORLD EVENTS TITLISTS



SARAH BAROWKA
ELEMENTARY PRESIDENTS CHAMP



ERIC MAKNI
MIDDLE WORLD EVENTS WINNER



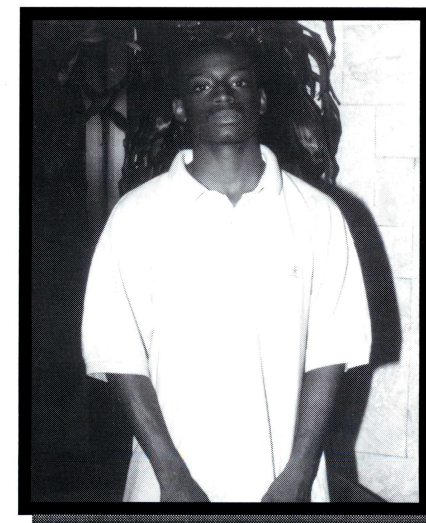
CARLY SANFILOPO
MIDDLE PROPAGANDA CHAMP



DAVID LAGATTUTA
JR. PRESIDENTS WINNER



JAY COST
SENIOR PRESIDENTS CHAMP



KAMAL COWLES
JUNIOR EQUATIONS MASTER



JUDITH LEUNG
SR. PROPAGANDA CHAMP