



1998

ACADEMIC GAMES LEAGUES OF AMERICA

# SOLUTIONS

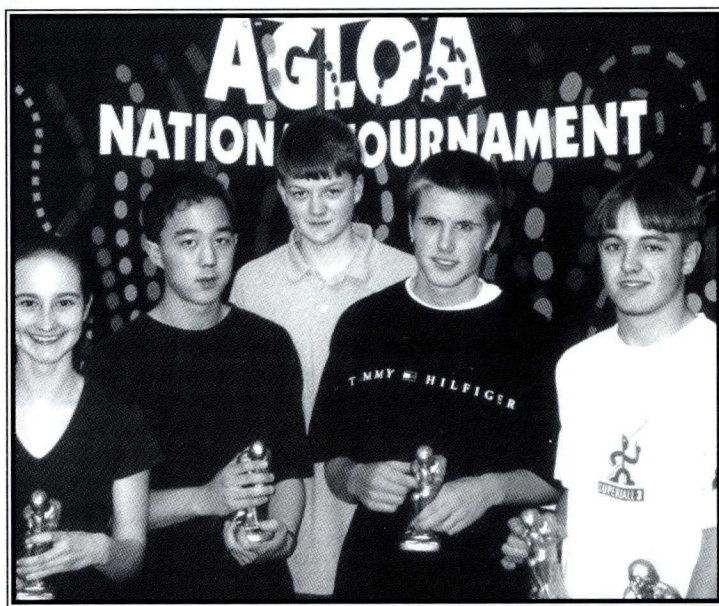
## 1998 ACADEMIC GAMES NATIONALS



**EAGLES IN BLACK**  
**ELEMENTARY SWEEPSTAKES CHAMPS**

Quality of play and exciting joy were the hallmarks of AGLOA's seventh annual Academic Games National Tournament, April 30 - May 3, 1998, in Charlotte, North Carolina. Nearly 1,000 students, coaches, and parents congregated, competed, and enjoyed wonderful surroundings.

Tougher qualifying standards resulted in champions from Michigan, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Georgia, Florida,



**RETURN OF SCOLI**  
**JUNIOR SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS**

Louisiana, and host North Carolina, having difficult matches from the first rounds through the playoffs. Newly certified officials in EQUATIONS and LINGUISHTIK created an authoritative atmosphere that seemed to calm the players and increase the overall quality of play.

Championships were earned, top three teams were crowned, and top ten individuals were honored in six different games EQUATIONS and ON-SETS (Math); WORLD EVENTS and PRESIDENTS (Social Studies); LINGUISHTIK and PROPAGANDA (Language Arts) -- in four separate Divisions -- Elementary (grades 4-6); Middle (7-8); Junior (9-10); Senior (11-12). Playoffs in the cube games were exceptionally competitive and were marked by several overtime shakes. Champions in the reading games won by the narrowest of margins, often on the interpretation of only one example or question.

A break from the intensity was enjoyed by all at the Carowinds Amusement Park on Saturday evening. Students and adults got a chance to know one another as friends as well as competitors. The Charlotte area was breathtaking and the hosts were fantastically cordial. The 1998 Academic Games National Tournament was a pleasant one to remember.



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We are frequently asked by academic games teachers and League Directors how to generate funds to run their school and/or league programs. Several of our experienced academic gamers recommend and have used some or all of the techniques listed below. In all cases, our experienced folks remind us that *people* provide funds, not departments or organizations. So, get to know the *people* with the funds.

**School Budgets:** School administrators who are sold on the program will often allocate funds.

**District Budgets:** Appeals can be made to District Administrators to include academic games for funding such items as coaching supplements, Nationals travel, and other items.

**District Special Ed:** Special District budgets, such as Gifted and Talented are often sources.

**Grants:** Grants have been used to purchase games materials and for teacher training. Among the grant sources are Eisenhower funds.

**Fund Raisers:** All teachers and schools are familiar with these. Bake sales, car washes, and other money-making ideas are staples that can be useful for academic games.

**Local Companies:** Several leagues and schools have received contributions from local companies. The size of the contributions has varied from \$50 to \$5,000. *People* are the key.

**Registration Fees:** Leagues have used registration fees in two different ways. First, charge one major fee at the beginning of the year for all league expenses. This may work if more than one School District is involved in the League. Determine your budget for the year for supplies, awards, questions, and others, then divide by the number of Districts in your League and charge them. Fees can range from \$500 to \$1,000. Second, charge each school for each Tournament they enter. Again, this can be a flat fee (such as \$25) or a per player fee (such as \$2 per player). Determine your budget, estimate how many schools or players you will have, then divide to get the per school or per player fee.

**Nationals Trip:** Some leagues use the National Tournament as the big fund-raising time. Since funds are being raised at this time anyway, they charge each player going to the Nationals a little more than is necessary for the trip -- say \$50. The excess funds are then used for the following year's League expenses. This idea needs the approval of your League.



## Jim Davis A Man of Character

The players and coaches involved in Academic Games have been blessed for 32 years by contact with a man of character -- **Jim Davis** of Allegheny Valley School District in Springdale, Pennsylvania. Jim's colleagues honored him at the 1998 Academic Games National Tournament with a Lifetime Achievement Award and a "roasting" luncheon.

Jim emerged on the Academic Games scene as one of the original coordinators in the first Academic Games League in history in Allegheny County, PA, in the Fall of 1966. As a teacher and coach at Springdale High School and later as coordinator of his school district's Gifted and Talented program, Jim inspired many national championship teams and individuals in his three-decade-plus reign.

In 1972, Jim established the Official Scorekeepers as an integral part of the National Tournament, setting guidelines and standards that prevail to the present. When AGLOA was in the formative stages, Jim Davis was one of its founding "fathers", lending wisdom and integrity and courage to the young organization.

Jim's dream is to have a truly national set of Academic Games Leagues. He is dedicated to doing his part in the plan for realizing that dream. As expected, Jim Davis -- the man of character -- will contribute in a major way.

## OGLEBAY RESORT IN WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA TO HOST 1999 NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

The 1999 Academic Games National Tournament will take place April 25 - 29, at the Oglebay Resort in Wheeling, West Virginia. Oglebay includes a magnificent lodge and many upscale cabins nestled in a gorgeous setting in the "tip" of West Virginia, west of Pittsburgh.

Full Registration information about the 1999 Tournament will be mailed to existing League coordinators and any other interested parties in early December. If your school is new to AGLOA, please contact AGLOA to receive the Registration information.

Housing and meal arrangements will be made for those staying on-site. In addition, options will be available for those local participants who wish to drive in daily. There are a definite, limited number of rooms available at Oglebay, so all interested participants should make early reservations in early December. The AGLOA Board is looking forward to a super Tournament in 1999.

# 1998-99 Reading Games Topics

For 1998-99 AGLOA Tournaments, the Reading Game Topics are:

PRESIDENTS	Elementary & Middle Divisions	25 - 42
	Junior & Senior Divisions	1 - 42
PROPAGANDA	Sections A B C E	
World Events	Current Events from 1997 and 1998	
	Theme: The Roaring 20's in the United States	
	Notorious People and Famous Faces	
	Politics	
	Social and Cultural Life	
	Economics	

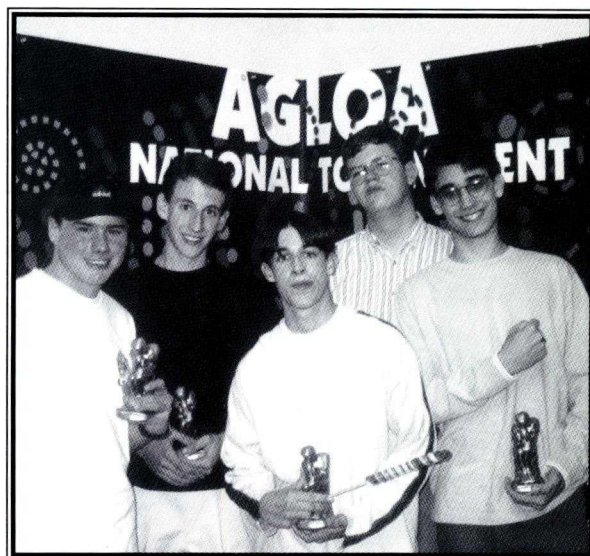


# CURRENT NEWS AND NOTES

## AGLOA is Now on the NET!

AGLOA has international exposure now that its web site is active. Interested educators can access current information about AGLOA at the internet address [academicgames.org](http://academicgames.org). Email messages may be delivered to [agloa@academicgames.org](mailto:agloa@academicgames.org).

Existing leagues are asked to prepare materials that can be added to the web site. Please send a short history of the league, current schedule, current results, and pictures to our web master, **Br. Neal Golden**, 4401 Elysian Fields Ave, New Orleans, LA



**GUS THE JANITOR**  
SENIOR SWEEPSTAKES CHAMPS



**CORRUPTION**  
MIDDLE SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

## LINGUISHTIK Judges Manual Updates Available

Schools and/or individuals who purchased the LINGUISHTIK Judges Manual prior to August 1998 may obtain updated pages that reflect recent changes by sending an email message or a snailmail request to AGLOA.

## Judges Certification Tests Schedule

Teachers/coaches interested in becoming certified to judge the cube games of EQUATIONS, ON-SETS, and LINGUISHTIK may do so through their local leagues. Those who are certified, but wish to add on additional higher levels, may take only the portions of the test necessary for the additional certification. League coordinators will have access to the certification tests according to this schedule:

Leagues order EQUATIONS & LINGUISHTIK tests November 1

Leagues order ON-SETS tests January 15

All tests must be completed and returned by March 15

Test results reported to individual test-takers by April 1

*If a teacher/coach is interested in taking the test, please contact your local coordinator.*



**SPICE GIRLS & SPICIER BOYS**  
ELEMENTARY SWEEPSTAKES CHAMPS





JOHN ALOI WITH JEAN SKOMRA



DRUE LEWIS WITH DIANA WEIBERG



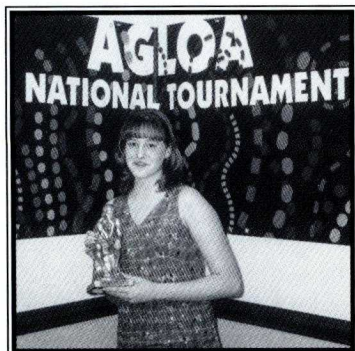
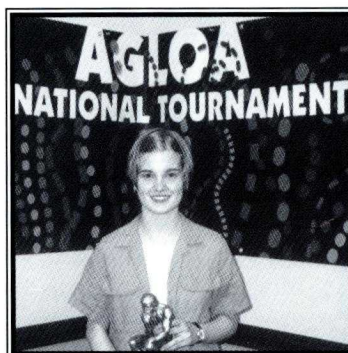
BARBARA FARUDI



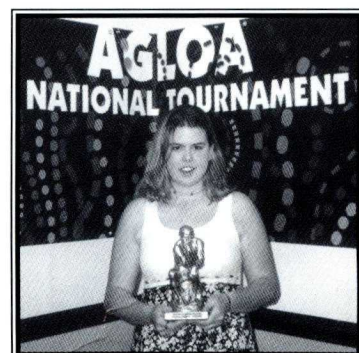
KAREN ARMS



TASHA BREAU

LAUREN SUPERNOVICH  
JUNIOR SWEEPSTAKES  
CHAMP

AISLIN WILLIAMS



JAMIE STURGILL

## SPECIAL AWARDS TO OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS

Four special Senior players were recognized for their positive qualities of scholarship, service, and dedication to the Academic Games program over many years. Each of the honorees earned several championships at local, regional, and national levels. More importantly, they went out of their way to pass along their knowledge and passion for Academic Games to their own local programs.

The 1998 inductees into the Senior Player Hall of Fame are:  
TASHA BREAU, Jefferson Parish, LA;  
JAMIE STURGILL, RESA II, WV; EDGAR WAYNE, Detroit Renaissance, MI;  
and  
AISLIN WILLIAMS, Ann Arbor, MI

Four incredible teachers were elected to the Teacher/Coach Hall of Fame in 1998. These special people have made unique contributions to their local Academic Games programs and each has contributed in a significant manner at the National Tournament. The heartfelt letters of nomination for the honorees reveal the positive impact they have had upon both students and players, both coaching and administering.

The 1998 inductees into the Teacher/Coach Hall of Fame are:  
JOHN ALOI, Montour, PA;  
KAREN ARMS, RESA II, WV;  
BARBARA FARUDI, Eastern Panhandle, WV;  
and  
DRUE LEWIS, John Curtis School, New Orleans, LA







# Senior Championships

EVENT	TEAMS	INDIVIDUALS
EQUATIONS	WeMissedPromForDis New Orleans, LA	Brian Shaw Ann Arbor, MI
ON-SETS	Back in Business Detroit Renaissance, MI	Ryan Estaris New Orleans, LA
WORLD EVENTS	NWH Palm Beach County, FL	Josh Sokoloski Seneca Valley, PA
PRESIDENTS	NWH Palm Beach County, FL	Richard Strauss New Orleans, LA
LINGUISHTIK	Scoli Resurrection Ann Arbor, MI	Edgar Wayne Detroit Renaissance
PROPAGANDA	Gus the Janitor Br. Martin High, LA	Charles Stiegler Br. Martin High, LA
SWEEPSTAKES	Gus the Janitor Br. Martin High, LA	Edgar Wayne Detroit Renaissance, MI



EDGAR WAYNE

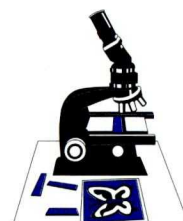
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# Junior Championships

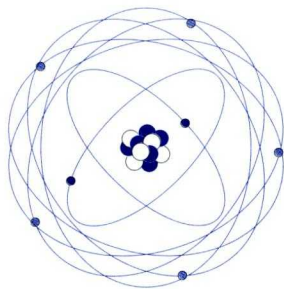
EQUATIONS	Power Base Palm Beach County, FL	Jennifer Walk Palm Beach County, FL
SETS	Return of Scoli Ann Arbor, MI	Matt McCall Ann Arbor, MI
WORLD EVENTS	Do Not Feed the Platypi Eastern Panhandle, WV	Zack Hiwiller Allegheny Valley, PA
PRESIDENTS	The Herd RESA II, WV	Josh Solomon Palm Beach County, FL
LINGUISHTIK	Return of Scoli Ann Arbor, MI	Matt Stockton, Sandra Larson Geetha Lakshminaray, AA, MI
PROPAGANDA	Ain't That Cajun Jefferson Parish, LA	Megan Hartle Elizabeth Forward, PA
SWEEPSTAKES	Return of Scoli Ann Arbor, MI	Lauren Supernovich Elizabeth Forward, PA



RYAN ESTARIS  
JUNIOR ON-SETS TITLIST

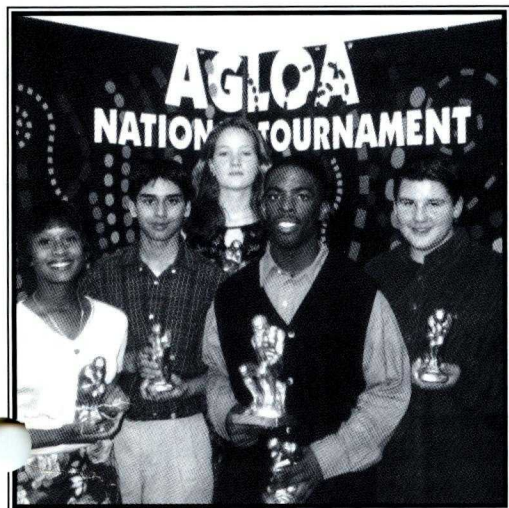




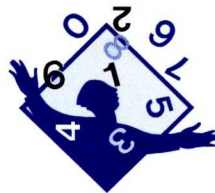


# Middle Champions

EVENT	TEAMS	INDIVIDUALS
EQUATIONS	Corruption Ann Arbor, MI	Brian Giandelone Br. Martin, LA
ON-SETS	Corruption Ann Arbor, MI	Scott Linn Ann Arbor, MI
WORLD EVENTS	Magnificent Seven Minus 2 Palm Beach County, FL	Jay Ward Palm Beach County, FL
PRESIDENTS	The Electoral College Palm Beach County, FL	Jay Ward Palm Beach County, FL
LINGUISHTIK	Corruption Ann Arbor, MI	David Koenig Ann Arbor, MI
PROPAGANDA	Omniscience Jefferson Parish, LA	Tam Nguyen Jefferson Parish, LA
SWEEPSTAKES	Corruption Ann Arbor, MI	Adam Hanlon Ann Arbor, MI

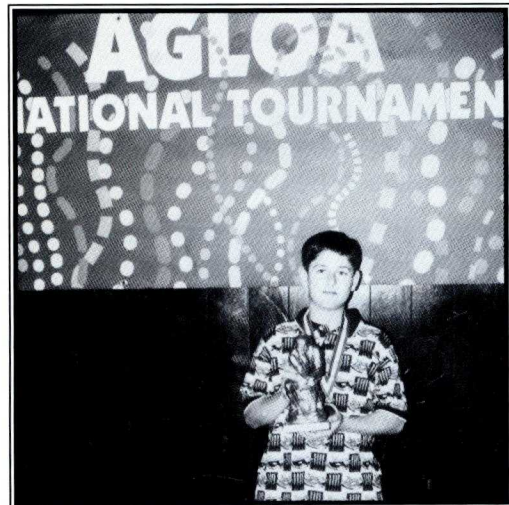


AIN'T THAT CAJUN  
JUNIOR PROPAGANDA PRIZE



# Elementary Championships

EQUATIONS	Lions Beaver County, PA	17 Undefeated
ON-SETS	Eagles in Black New Orleans, LA	Brett Tortorich Jefferson Parish, LA
WORLD EVENTS	Indian River Aces Indian River, FL	Eric Bartolucci Indian River, FL
PRESIDENTS	Spice Girls & Spicier Boys Jefferson Parish, LA	Dale Flint Jefferson Parish, LA
LINGUISHTIK	PBC Panthers Palm Beach County, FL	12 Undefeated
PROPAGANDA	Lions Beaver County, PA	Jay Daigle, Jeff Robertson New Orleans, LA
SWEEPSTAKES	Spice Girls & Spicier Boys Eagles in Black	Geoff Morgan Beaver County, PA



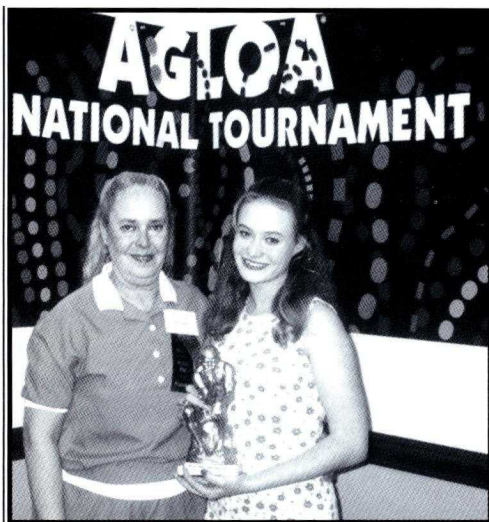
GEOFF MORGAN  
ELEMENTARY SWEEPSTAKES MASTER





# Calling all Alumni

AGLOA is interested in contacting all alumni of Academic Games Leagues, especially those with experience at National tournaments. Our history goes back over 30 years, so some of our alums are in their mid-40's! Teachers and League Directors are asked to coordinate efforts in their own areas to solicit names and addresses of as many alumni as possible. AGLOA would appreciate receiving those names and addresses.



*MEGAN HARTLE WITH COACH SALLIE  
JUNIOR PROPAGANDA PRO*



*WE MISSED PROM FOR DIS  
SENIOR EQUATIONS STARS*



*BACK IN BUSINESS  
SENIOR ON-SETS CHAMPS*



*SCOLI RESURRECTION  
SENIOR LINGUISHTIK WINNERS*



*DO NOT FEED THE PLAYTYPI  
JUNIOR WORLD EVENTS WONDERS*



*PALM BEACH POWER BASE  
JUNIOR EQUATIONS WINNERS*