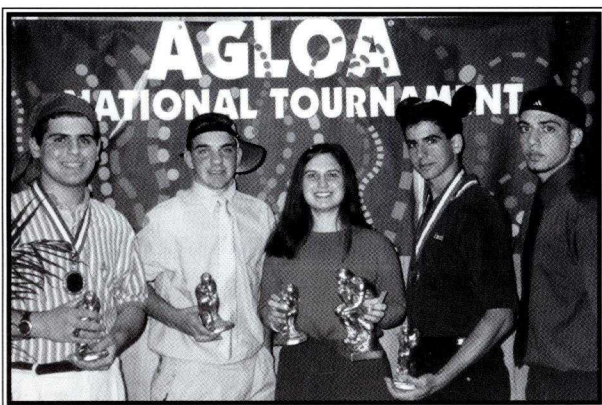


**2000****ACADEMIC GAMES LEAGUES OF AMERICA**

SOLUTIONS

2000 NATIONAL TOURNAMENT A SUNSHINE SUCCESS



**THE NEW EDITION
SENIOR SWEEPS CHAMPS**

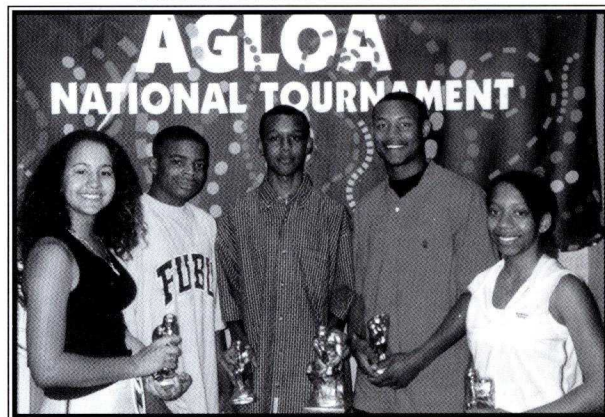
Over 1,000 players, coaches, and parents rushed to the sunshine of Kissimmee, Florida, April 27 - 30, to compete in and enjoy the 2000 Academic Games National Tournament. Competitors from over 60 leagues in Michigan, Pennsylvania,

West Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Louisiana did brain battle in the academic areas of Mathematics (EQUATIONS and ON-SETS), Social Studies (PRESIDENTS and WORLD EVENTS), and Language Arts (LINGUISHTIK and PROPAGANDA) for four days. Most groups visited the area attractions either before or after the tournament.

The Elementary Division (grades 4 - 6) was again the largest, with relatively small bodies, but huge minds and hearts. The Middle Division (6 - 8) was perhaps the fiercest competition, with champions emerging from various parts of the nation. In the Junior (9-10) and Senior Divisions (11-12), veteran players challenged each other to perform at their peaks, with victors crowned but the vanquished praised. Respect and cooperation were displayed everywhere.



**THE FUNKIE MONKEYS
JUNIOR SWEEPS CO-CHAMPS**



**HALL SWEEP
JUNIOR SWEEPS CO-CHAMPS**

BEST ACADEMIC GAMERS OF THE 20TH CENTURY

Over 100,000 students played in Academic Games tournaments in the 20th Century, beginning with the first inter-school play in 1966. (From 1966 through 1991, tournament play was conducted under the auspices of The National Academic Games Project.) Approximately 6,000 of those students made it through local and regional qualifying to compete at one or more of the 34 National Championships of the 20th Century. The Academic Games Leagues of America (AGLOA) Board selected the top 50 Individuals, 9 Teams, and 15 Coaches as the Best Academic Gamers of the 20th Century.

A separate AGLOA publication honoring these "Best of the 20th Century" Academic Gamers lists their accomplishments, with anecdotes, feature articles, and some pictures.

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Message from the Board

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This Stuff DOES Make a Difference!

At the 2000 National Tournament, AGLOA honored the outstanding players, coaches, and teams of the 20th Century. The records of these individuals are testimony enough to their excellence. But, what difference does it make in human terms? How does all of this Academic Games "stuff" affect people's lives? Why would you ever want to be involved in Academic Games? Do the participants get anything out of being stretched and challenged to be their best? Some of the stars talked with an AGLOA interviewer at the 2000 National Tournament and revealed some of what makes them continue to tick the Academic Games clock.

Ava Sue Hickerson: Elementary School teacher and coach

My favorite game is PROPAGANDA, because it's real life. You see the techniques being used all the time. Once you teach kids to recognize propaganda, they point it out to you all the time. They point it out to their parents, too. PROPAGANDA's just real life.

Cedric Small: High School teacher and coach and former champion player

I remember as a player we would practice on Monday nights and Saturday mornings. It never was a chore. It was like a party. That's one of the things I'm so grateful for, because instead of associating with the crowd who was drinking and hanging out late at night and being in the wrong places, I was hanging out with the "nerds" up in the old main building studying math, and loving it.

Even though I am a math teacher, I learn so much about history through PRESIDENTS every year. From the first time I picked up a PRESIDENTS book in seventh grade, I continue to be fascinated. I continue to learn.

In comparing the grammar I've learned in LINGUISHTIK to the grammar I learned at the University of Michigan, LINGUISHTIK is way up there. When I show people I know grammar, they assume it is because I am an English teacher, but it is really because I learned it to play LINGUISHTIK. I'm grateful for that.

I love Academic Games because it fosters such an enthusiasm about learning.

Paula Hidalgo: Former coach and District coordinator for Academic Games

These are the hardest working people I have ever seen. They give their souls. They volunteer. I just wish there was some way that everyone in the world could come meet these outstanding teachers and coaches. It's not easy, but they love it.

David Lagattuta: Senior High School player

I had been playing for a few years and had done all right, but nothing spectacular. Then, I came down and looked at the scores. I saw my name at the very top of the list. It's great. It was fantastic. I will always remember that moment.

Rod Beard: Businessman, Assistant Coach and former champion player

Academic Games has taught me the value of teamwork, hard work, and dedication. Through Academic Games, I have strengthened my self-confidence and ability to lead groups. In all, Academic Games has been the most valuable experience in my life.

Sue Mellon: Secondary Coach and District coordinator and former player

I just think of all the kids who wouldn't really have a place in their school. Maybe they're too shy. They are bright kids, but they are not aggressive. Academic Games has been a way for them to come out of that shell. It's a place for these kids, where they can slowly fit in and excel and learn to be competitive. A lot of kids learn competitiveness and self-esteem through sports. For these kids, it is Academic Games.

Nancy Kinard: High School teacher and coach

One of my former players stayed in school his senior year primarily because of Academic Games. He's now a very successful RETIRED businessman in Tampa. He sold his business at a multi-million dollar price. He's what -- twenty eight or nine? He credits Academic Games as a major influence in his success.

Mary Jo Petterson: High School teacher and coach of many championship teams

The kids over the years have just been wonderful. I know one of the things is that you get to meet some incredible kids that you would not otherwise get to teach in the classroom. It gives you a sense of pride and accomplishment as a teacher to see how these kids come in, work so hard, and achieve. It's affected my life just in getting to know these terrific people.

Marci Kelsey: Technology Businesswoman and former champion player

I can't believe that was 15 years ago -- it seems like yesterday. I have such fond memories of the whole experience! I hope it's around for my kids someday.

Chad Hood: Physician and former champion player

Academic Games had a major impact on my life. The challenges..., the contacts... I remember riding home on those long bus trips and crying because the event was over. I felt that way every year and I still feel that way 15 years later.

The AGLOA Board is proud of all that has been accomplished and prouder still of the effects that are yet to come as a result of the Academic Games experience.

AVA SUE GETS A NEW PAIR OF SHOES

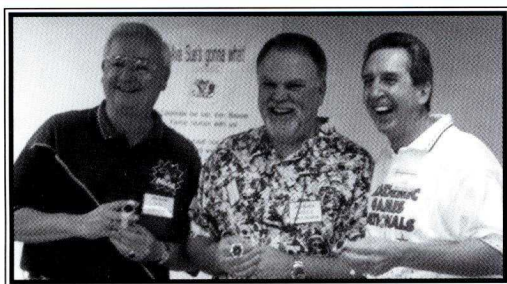
The Grande Dame -- the Leader of the Little Ones -- the Matriarch of the Muppets -- the Elementary Excellency -- Her Highness Ava Sue Hickerson was "roasted" by her friends and colleagues in a retirement reception at the 2000 Academic Games National Tournament in Kissimmee. She will walk around the world on many trips instead of walking down the Elementary School halls as a teacher.

Ava Sue has been the Coordinator of the Elementary Division at the National Tournament for the past 14 years. She has been active in local, Regional, and National Academic Games competitions since 1978. Ava Sue can be characterized by quality photography (especially of flowers), little colored cards (for scheduling), big display posters (more scheduling), master organization (she cares about the younger kids), unending energy (6 AM to midnight), superb management of people (judges and coaches love her), a caring touch with the students (kids love her, too), and quality and excellence in everything she does. As an added bonus, Ava Sue does it all with a smile and a contagious giggle.

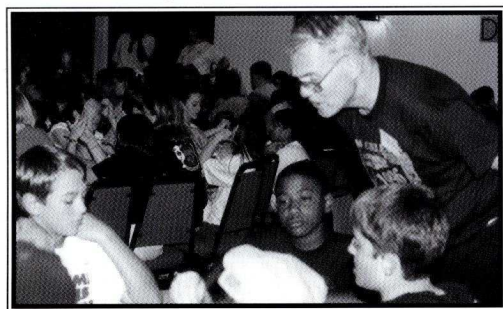
Though most Academic Gamers know Ava Sue as the National Elementary Division organizational director, her most important role was as local school teacher and Academic Games coach. Her players regularly formed the nucleus of Palm Beach County, Florida, All-Star teams. She had the heart of a champion wrapped in the compassion of a loving Mom. It was fitting that some of her players and teams won 2000 National Championships in her final year as coach.

Ava Sue Hickerson is an Academic Games legend. Her selection as one of the 20th Century's best Elementary coaches is well-deserved. She exemplifies all that is good about the teachers and coaches involved in Academic Games. She is a wonderful model to follow.

AGLOA welcomes Ava Sue's continued involvement with Academic Games as her "retirement" provides her time.



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JUDGING A POSSIBLE SOLUTION

2001 NATIONAL TOURNAMENT WILL BE IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

The 2001 Academic Games National Tournament will take place April 28 - 30, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Players and coaches will arrive on April 27 for registration. Awards ceremonies will be conducted in the evening of April 30. Over 1,000 participants are expected.

Students, coaches, and parents will be housed and will play in two different hotels within a few blocks of one another. High School Divisions will stay and play in The Baton Rouge Hilton. Elementary and Middle Divisions will stay and play in the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center.

Several activities are being planned by the AGLOA Board. Nearby New Orleans may be visited by groups before and after the Tournament. Full registration information will be mailed to existing league coordinators and other interested parties in early December 2000. If your school is new to AGLOA, please contact AGLOA to receive the registration information.

2000-2001 Reading Games Topics

PRESIDENTS Elementary & Middle Divisions 25-42
Junior & Senior Divisions 1-42

PROPAGANDA Sections A C D E

World Events Current Events Year 2000 only

Theme: The Colonization of North America: 1513-1770
Limited to the territory of the 48 contiguous states, excluding Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean.

1. Famous People
2. Cultures (including colonial life, literature, fashions, ...)
3. Explorations (including motivation, discoveries, and backers *)
4. Territorial Claims and Conflicts (including major settlements, conflict between European powers, the effect of contact between Europeans and *Native Americans, ...)
5. Economics (including trade, the *slave trade, ...)
6. Technology (including weapons, transportation, inventions, ...)

*Notes: 1. Though this topic is limited to the territory of the 48 contiguous states, it does not mean that a question cannot be asked about European influence in North America or about a foreign ruler. It only means that the European influence, referred to in the question, has to have had some impact on the territory of the 48 contiguous states.
2. Questions about Native Americans will be limited to the effects of contact between Europeans and Native Americans.
3. Questions on slavery will be limited to the slave trade.

BEST TEAMS

Nominated by local leagues. Selected by the AGLOA Committee based upon excellence over two or more years.

Junior/Senior Divisions	Years	Coaches
South Lyon, Michigan	1982 - 86	Pam Placeck Miller
Ann Arbor, Michigan	1981 - 83	Mike Steigerwald
Detroit Renaissance, Michigan	1987 - 89	Steve Wright - Sharon Vitolins
DeLaSalle, New Orleans, Louisiana	1977 - 80	Br. John Larose
Pine Crest, Florida	1973 - 75	William Drew
Middle Division		
Detroit Bates Academy, Michigan	1985 - 87	Chris Holstein
South Florida Psychedelics	1984 - 85	Nancy Kinard
Elementary Division		
Allegheny Valley, Pennsylvania	1978	Lois Fink
Jefferson Parish, Louisiana	1997 & 1991	Bonnie Burt - Joanne Weisendanger

BEST COACHES

Nominated by local leagues. Selected by the AGLOA Committee based upon excellence over many years.

Junior/Senior Divisions	Years	Coaches
Br. Neal Golden	1967 - 99	New Orleans, Louisiana
Br. John Larose	1972 - 92	New Orleans, Louisiana
Steve Wright	1987 - 96	Detroit, MI & Chicago, IL
Sharon Vitolins	1985 - 96	Detroit, Michigan
Mike Steigerwald	1980 - 97	Ann Arbor, Michigan
Jim Davis	1967 - 98	Allegheny Valley, Pennsylvania
Middle Division		
Chris Holstein	1979 - 99	Detroit, Michigan
Nancy Kinard	1983 - 99	Palm Beach County, Florida
Stuart White	1974 - 90	Ann Arbor, Michigan
Eric Nelson	1990 - 99	Ann Arbor, Michigan
Sandy Bennett	1993 - 99	New Orleans, Louisiana
Elementary Division		
Lois Fink	1969 - 81	Allegheny Valley, Pennsylvania
Bonnie Burt	1982 - 99	Jefferson Parish, Louisiana
Ava Sue Hickerson	1978 - 99	Palm Beach County, Florida
Paula Hidalgo	1983 - 92	New Orleans, Louisiana

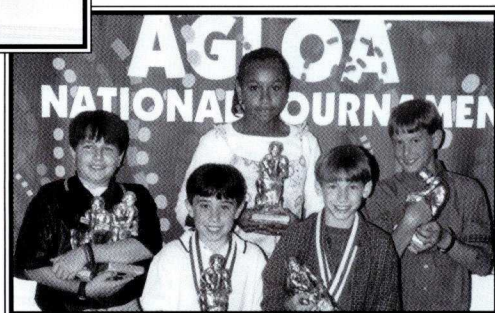
TOP 50 INDIVIDUALS

Nominated by local leagues. Selected based upon having won 3 or more Individual National Championships, including Individual Games, Overall Subject Area, Sweepstakes, or Outstanding Senior.

Name	Years	Area	Individual Titles Won
Mason Smith	1988 - 95	Detroit, Michigan	17
Dorian Smith	1985 - 91	Detroit, Michigan	13
Todd Bruno	1984 - 91	New Orleans, Louisiana	10
Dante Crockett	1986 - 89	Detroit, Michigan	10
Roderick Beard	1985 - 91	Detroit, Michigan	9
Vic Chandhok	1972 - 77	Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania	9
Kiran Srinivas	1989 - 93	Ann Arbor, Michigan	9
Kathryn Messner	1987 - 93	Detroit, Michigan	8
Chris Trapani	1991 - 96	New Orleans, Louisiana	8
Edgar Wayne	1995 - 98	Detroit, Michigan	8
Roderick Hardamon	1988 - 94	Detroit, Michigan	8
Sindhu Srinivas	1992 - 96	Ann Arbor, Michigan	7
Janet Clayton	1982 - 84	Palm Beach County, Florida	7
Paul Fletcher	1972 - 75	Pine Crest, Florida	7
Chad Hood	1983 - 88	Palm Beach County, Florida	7
Jackie Kruszek	1977 - 83	Allegheny Valley, Pennsylvania	7
Charles Lasley	1978 - 81	Detroit, Michigan	7
Ellen Mendlow	1976 - 80	Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania	7
Steve Binesser	1974 - 80	Allegheny Valley, Pennsylvania	6
Paul Book	1983 - 87	New Orleans, Louisiana	6
Erick Miggenburg	1984 - 86	Palm Beach County, Florida	6
Doug Reynolds	1972 - 75	Pine Crest, Florida	6
Bradd Weinberg	1982 - 87	Palm Beach County, Florida	6
Dean Yee	1968 - 72	Kittanning, Pennsylvania	6
Donnie Bagert	1971 - 73	New Orleans, Louisiana	6
Rick Ellington	1989 - 96	Palm Beach County, Florida	6
Julie Becker	1988 - 91	Ann Arbor, Michigan	5
Christian Carranza	1989 - 93	Seneca Valley, Pennsylvania	5
Mark Cobb	1986 - 89	Detroit, Michigan	5
Rob Curtiss	1982 - 86	South Lyon, Michigan	5
William Lee	1984 - 88	Indian River County, Florida	5
Peter Moran	1977 - 80	New Orleans, Louisiana	5
David Senior	1974 - 78	Ann Arbor, Michigan	5
Kurt Wilson	1994 - 98	New Orleans, Louisiana	5
David Bornside	1975 - 78	New Orleans, Louisiana	4
Ian Buchanan	1986 - 89	Detroit, Michigan	4
Jason Bumiller	1989 - 95	Palm Beach County, Florida	4
Anshu Jain	1979 - 82	Ann Arbor, Michigan	4
Joey Olivier	1988 - 91	New Orleans, Louisiana	4
Russ Ayres	1967 - 69	Fox Chapel, Pennsylvania	3
Lynn Calvert	1967 - 73	Allegheny Valley, Pennsylvania	3
Andy Christian	1979 - 83	Ann Arbor, Michigan	3
Jim Ferrell	1969 - 72	Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania	3
Bill Hargest	1969 - 74	Allegheny Valley, Pennsylvania	3
Jeff Hoorn	1982 - 86	South Lyon, Michigan	3
Steve Kliman	1979 - 83	Ann Arbor, Michigan	3
Cedric Small	1985 - 89	Detroit, Michigan	3
Joshua Solomon	1995 - 99	Palm Beach County, Florida	3
Mike Steigerwald	1975 - 79	Ann Arbor, Michigan	3
David Voisin	1977 - 80	New Orleans, Louisiana	3



ERIN JACOBS
ELEMENTARY SWEEPS BEST



SPARKLE PLENTY
ELEMENTARY SWEEPS CHAMPS



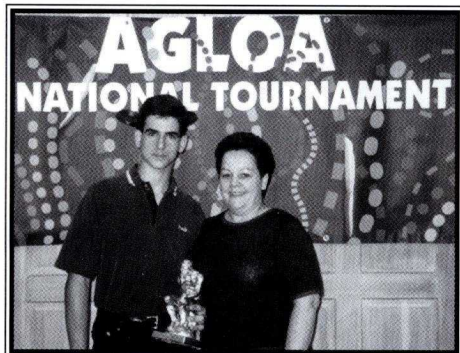
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MIDDLE SWEEPS TITLISTS

YEAR 2000 OUTSTANDING SENIORS

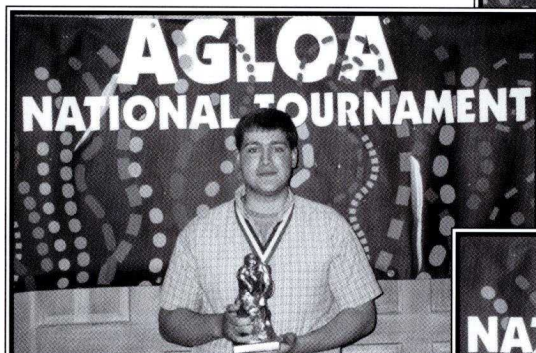
Each year the AGLOA Board selects a group of Seniors to be inducted into the Senior Player Hall of Fame, based upon outstanding playing careers over several years and major contributions to other players, coaches, and teams in their own leagues. The five individuals honored in year 2000 are prime examples of the dedication, talent, and character of all Senior Player Hall of Famers. Each of the five is a super model for other Academic Gamers.

DAVID BECKMAN
BARRY BRUNET
DAVID LAGATTUTA
KENNETH STANFORD
MATT STOCKTON

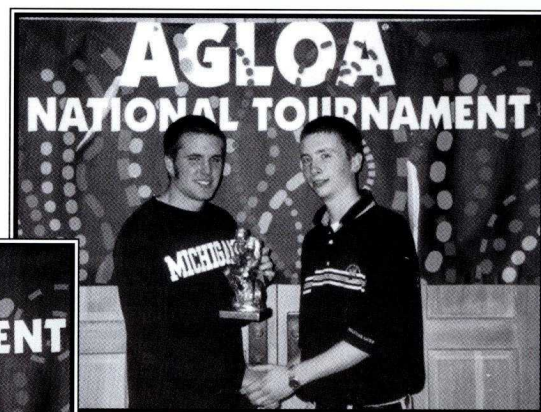
Palm Beach County, FL
New Orleans, LA
Allegheny Valley, PA
Detroit Renaissance, MI
Ann Arbor, MI



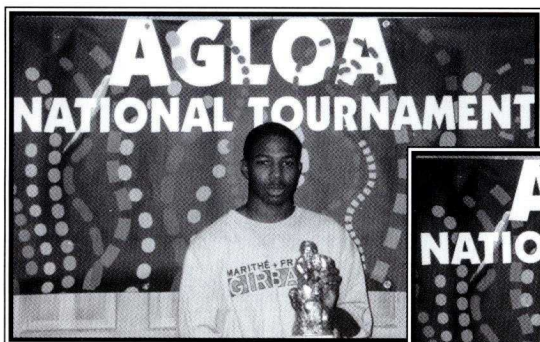
DAVID BECKMAN WITH NANCY KINARD



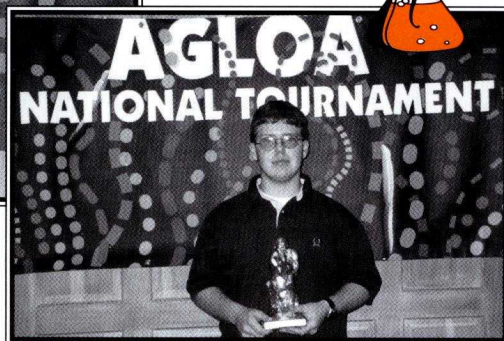
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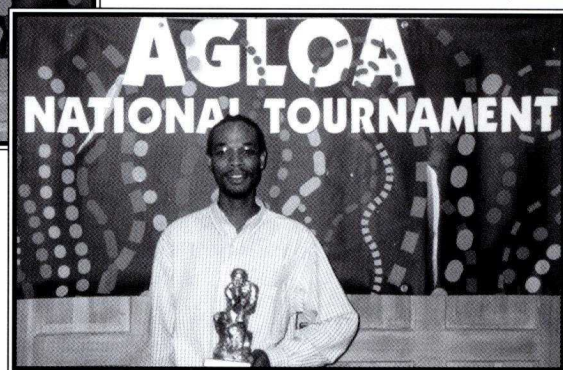
MATT STOCKTON (L) WITH TOM LAUGHLIN



KENNETH STANFORD



BARRY BRUNET



JARVIS CARTER



BRENDA SAUNDERS



ELLEN BREDEWEG (R) WITH PAULA HIDALGO

YEAR 2000 OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS

Without dedicated and talented coaches and league administrators, there would be no outstanding Academic Games players. Great players seem to follow great coaches. As in sports, quality coaching involves commitment, knowledge, and an ability to inspire. In addition, many coaches contribute as judges, rules makers, and authors. Each of the year 2000 Outstanding Educator honorees personifies those qualities. Each is a worthy entrant into the Outstanding Educator Hall of Fame.

ELLEN BREDEWEG
JARVIS CARTER
LINDA KILIAN
BRENDA SAUNDERS
KATHY TUCCI

Palm Beach County, FL
Ann Arbor, MI
Montour, PA
RESA II, WV
New Brighton, PA



LINDA KILIAN WITH JOHN ALOI



KATHY TUCCI (R)
WITH GLYNIS TWEDDELL

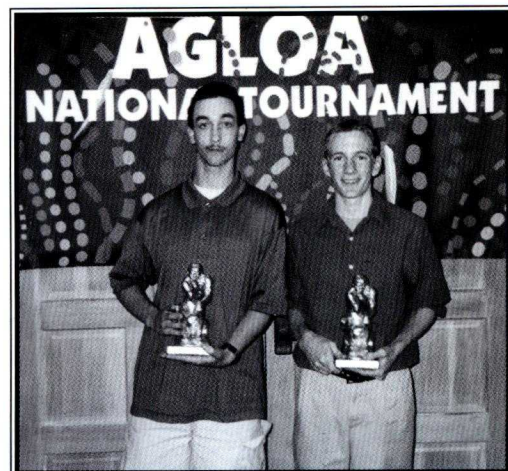
Senior Champions

EVENT	TEAMS	INDIVIDUALS
EQUATIONS	Insubordination Detroit, MI	Jennifer Walk Palm Beach County, FL
ON-SETS	Insubordination Detroit, MI	Sandra Larson Ann Arbor, MI
WORLD EVENTS	WPAGL SAM Western Pennsylvania	Zack Hiwiler Allegheny Valley, PA
PRESIDENTS	EF PRES1 Elizabeth Forward, PA	Allen Barry RESA II, PA
LINGUISHTIK	I'll Team You Ann Arbor, MI	M Stockton, S. Larson, G. Lakshimnaray, AA
PROPAGANDA	The New Edition Palm Beach County, FL	Jennifer Walk Palm Beach County, FL
SWEEPSTAKES	The New Edition Palm Beach County, FL	Jennifer Walk Palm Beach County, FL

$$\sqrt{16} \times (5+1) = 4!$$

Junior Champions

EQUATIONS	Our Final Answer is ... Palm Beach County, FL	Anthony Didlake Detroit Renaissance, MI
ON-SETS	Hall Sweep Detroit Renaissance, MI	Steve Moynan New Orleans, LA
WORLD EVENTS	Mini-ni Eastern Panhandle, WV	Michael Muha Hermitage, PA
PRESIDENTS	Brother Martin New Orleans, LA	Adam Hanlon Ann Arbor, MI
LINGUISHTIK	Hall Sweep Detroit Renaissance, MI	Anthony Didlake Detroit Renaissance, MI
PROPAGANDA	Mini-ni Eastern Panhandle, WV	Andrew Lagatutta Allegheny Valley, PA
SWEEPSTAKES	Hall Sweep, Detroit, MI Funkie Monkeys, St. Bernard	Jurron Clark Detroit Renaissance, MI



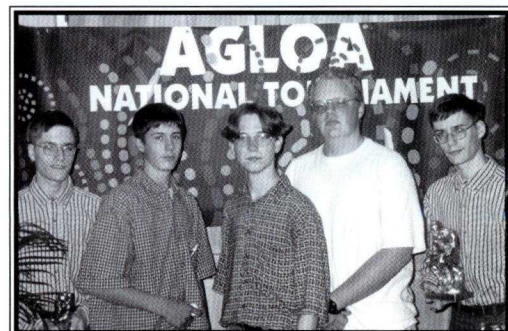
JONATHAN STOCKING & ZACK HIWILER (L)
WORLD EVENTS WINNERS



ALLEN BARRY
PRESIDENTS PERFECT

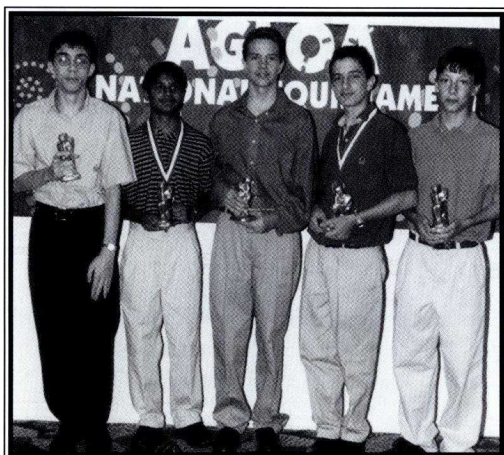
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MINI-NI
PROPAGANDA PLUS

Middle Champions



MILLENNIUM MEN
EQUATIONS EXPERTS



BRAINS 'R US
WORLD EVENTS WHIZZES



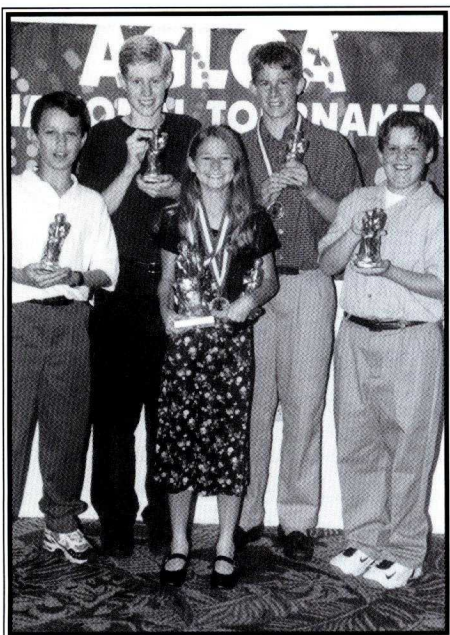
POWER PLAYERS
LINGUISHTIK LOVERS

EVENT	TEAMS	INDIVIDUALS
EQUATIONS	Millennium Men Palm Beach County, FL	Alex Baker Ann Arbor, MI
ON-SETS	St. Bernard B St. Bernard, LA	Alex Baker Ann Arbor, MI
WORLD EVENTS	Team X Indian River County, FL	Frank Keller Beaver County, PA
PRESIDENTS	Remarkable Funk Ann Arbor, MI	Geoff Morgan Beaver County, PA
LINGUISHTIK	Remarkable Funk Ann Arbor, MI	Tommy Wade Palm Beach County, FL
PROPAGANDA	Mission: PROP Palm Beach County, FL	Maggie Klein Ann Arbor, MI
SWEEPSTAKES	Remarkable Funk Ann Arbor, MI	Matt Naughton Ann Arbor, MI



Elementary Division

EQUATIONS	Vegetables Again Palm Beach County, FL	12 Undefeated
ON-SETS	Shall Remain Nameless New Orleans, LA	Shane Shaddix New Orleans, LA
WORLD EVENTS	Brains R Us Indian River County, FL	Carmela Breslin Montour, PA
PRESIDENTS	Sparkle Plenty's Jefferson Parish, LA	Justin Sackett Jefferson Parish, LA
LINGUISHTIK	Power Players Jefferson Parish, LA	13 Undefeated
PROPAGANDA	Sparkle Plenty's Jefferson Parish, LA	Eric Le Blanc Jefferson Parish, LA
SWEEPSTAKES	Sparkle Plenty's Jefferson Parish, LA	Erin Jacobs Jefferson Parish, LA



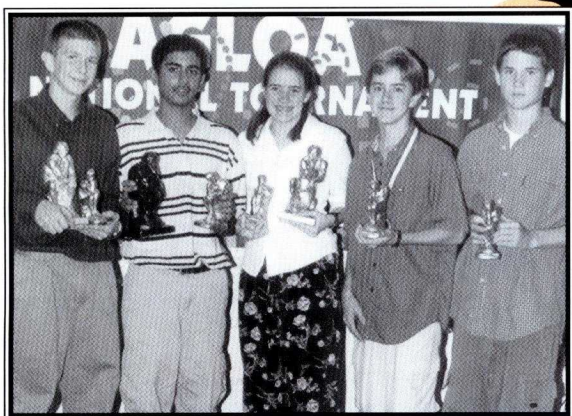
VEGETABLES AGAIN
EQUATIONS ELITE



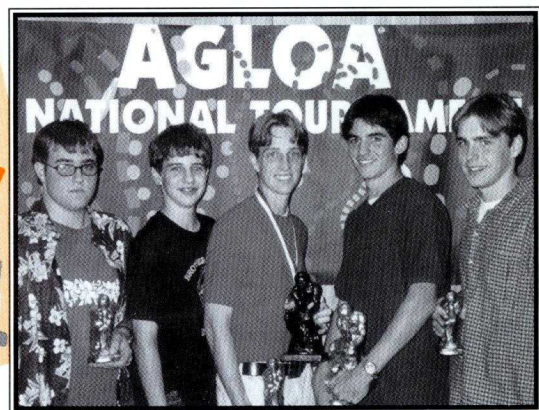
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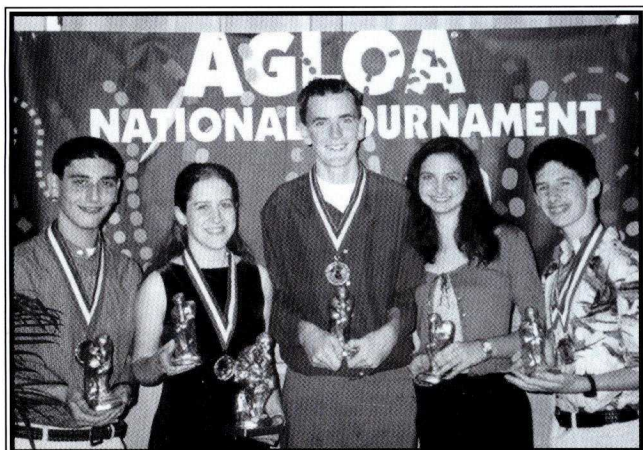
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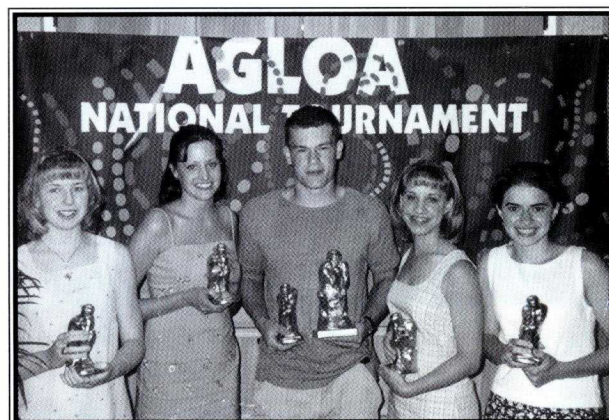
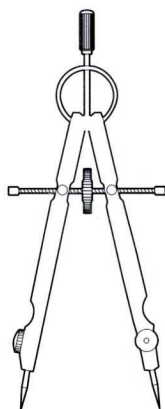
INDIAN RIVER TEAM X
WORLD EVENTS WONDERS



BROTHER MARTIN
PRESIDENTS PUNDITS



OUR FINAL ANSWER IS
EQUATIONS EMPERORS



ELIZ FORWARD
PRESIDENTS CHAMPS