

**2002****ACADEMIC GAMES LEAGUES OF AMERICA**

SOLUTIONS

2002 ACADEMIC GAMES NATIONALS

Race to Charlotte, NC

Nearly 1,000 Academic Games players, coaches, and parents raced to Charlotte, North Carolina, April 25–29, 2002, to challenge each other at the Academic Games National Tournament. Players flocked by plane, bus, and car from Michigan, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Georgia, Louisiana, Florida, and host North Carolina to enjoy a wonderful four-day experience. Veteran teams and players welcomed newcomers and battled them for national team and individual championships.

Competition was held in the traditional four Divisions of Elementary (4–6), Middle (7–8), Junior (9–10), and Senior (11–12) in three different academic areas—Mathematics (EQUATIONS and ON-SETS), Language Arts (LINGUISHTIK and PROPAGANDA), and Social Studies (WORLD EVENTS and PRESIDENTS). A few players competed in all six games tournaments. Most focused on four of the tournaments in order to qualify for the sweepstakes championship as well as their own particular area of expertise.



Different Stokes — Senior Sweepstakes Champions

The opening welcome ceremony featured a mock stock car race with volunteers from the teacher and parent delegations testing each other as they weaved around and through the audience enroute to a stirring finish. The crowd went wild. Almost all participants later took a break from their head-to-head matches to enjoy the Carowinds Amusement Park on Saturday night. On that night, the races were in roller coasters.

As always, the academic games matches stretched the minds and hearts of the players. Most learned new mathematics strategies or were enlightened about new techniques of propaganda or developed a deeper appreciation for our national leaders or displayed a thorough knowledge of U.S. exploration of space. All players learned more about themselves emotionally.

Old friendships were renewed; new friendships were formed. Foes were vanquished; then winners and losers embraced. The 2002 Academic Games National Tournament, hosted by a most hospitable Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools contingent, afforded a rewarding and enjoyable time for everyone.



**St. Bernard Team A
Elementary Sweepstakes Champions**



**Quit Drinking Hatorade
Junior Sweepstakes Titlists**



**Unthinkable
Middle Sweepstakes Special**

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Message from the Board

Where Are We Heading from Here?

Existing Academic Games Leagues are healthy and flourishing. Rules and procedures are operating to produce smooth tournaments—both locally and nationally. Players perform at high levels both academically and humanly. AGLOA is sound at its present level. Also, AGLOA needs expansion. Three planned ventures from the AGLOA Board will help firm up the marketing of Academic Games to attract new Leagues.



"In the spirit" at the awards

Testing Proof

AGLOA is planning control group studies to show that students involved in Academic Games perform better in school and on standardized tests than comparable students who do not play Academic Games. All of us suspect that this is true. Carefully structured studies by independent consultants will show whether our beliefs are in line with the truth. Results of the studies will be used in marketing efforts for AGLOA expansion.

PRESIDENTS/PROPAGANDA Starter Packet

Individual teachers often contact AGLOA asking how they can get started with Academic Games. Of course, it is impossible to have an Academic Games League with one school. However, it is possible to have in-school matches with PRESIDENTS and PROPAGANDA questions, the results of which CAN be compared to others. AGLOA's efforts in this regard will include a video of how to play PRESIDENTS and PROPAGANDA, plus a CD or diskette of PRESIDENTS and PROPAGANDA question rounds that can be used for in-school competitions. Using these materials, new schools can begin Academic Games competitions and later learn the cube games when formal workshops can be organized.

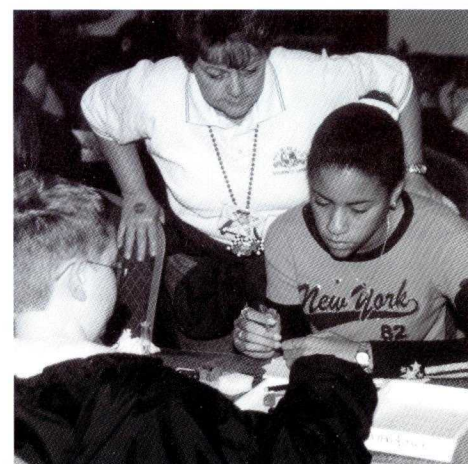
Summer Camps

AGLOA will be working with several school districts over the next few years to prepare materials and outline effective Academic Games summer camps. Such activities can be part of other programs or can be the major focus of summer opportunities. A how-to packet will be produced and available. The intended outcomes of the summer camps will be student progress and coaching improvements. Summer camps will be used as jump-starters for new programs as well as catalysts for improving existing Leagues.

We all look forward to facing competitors from other areas. These efforts by AGLOA are intended to help us realize that reality.

2003 NATIONAL TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD IN WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

The 2003 Academic Games National Tournament will be held May 2–5, 2003, at the Oglebay Resort in Wheeling, West Virginia, about 90 minutes west of Pittsburgh, PA. Groups will arrive on Friday, May 2, for registration and the opening ceremony. Competition will take place May 3–5, with awards on the evening of May 5. Nearly 1,000 participants are expected at the beautiful Oglebay site.



"Yes, your solution equals the goal."

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The Cream of the 70's Rises to the Top

For the second straight year, the High School Division players were thrilled by the appearance of a 1970's Academic Games star. In 2001, it was Vic Chandhok, one of the top ten winningest Academic Gamers of the 20th Century. In Charlotte, for 2002, the visiting former champion was Paul Fletcher, a top 20 winner in his own right, and a co-captain of the famous Pine Crest, Florida, team of the 1970's.

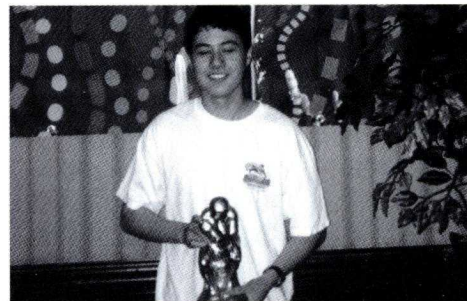
Mr. Fletcher has a claim on 21 different team and individual national championships during his six-year Academic Games career from 1970-75. His Pine Crest team has the distinction of being the only Senior Division team to win three straight National Sweepstakes titles, since Senior Division was 10-12 at that time. Though Mr. Fletcher's expertise was in Social Studies and Language Arts, he and his teammates were skilled enough in Mathematics to win the Junior Division EQUATIONS National crown when they were in ninth grade.

Mr. Fletcher regaled the Junior and Senior Division players with stories of his past experiences in Academic Games. He shared with them how the character he developed in the Academic Games competitions served him well during his law career. And he was the guest reader for PROPAGANDA and PRESIDENTS, the two games in which he won his first two individual championships exactly thirty years ago in 1972. A fond memory! As Paul wrote to us over a year ago,... "I've had a smile on my face the whole time I was tapping out this story about Academic Games."

Mr. Fletcher is currently the Editor-in-Chief of the Virginia Lawyers Weekly in Richmond, Virginia. His wife and two children also made the trip to Charlotte with him to verify that their husband and Dad really was as good as he always told them he was. The whole family enjoyed the weekend. And the current Academic Games community thoroughly enjoyed Paul Fletcher.



Keep the Judges Hoppin'



Matt Naughton
Junior Sweepstakes Winner

2002-03 Reading Games Topics

PRESIDENTS

Elementary and Middle Divisions 25-43

Junior and Senior Divisions 1-43

PROPAGANDA

Sections A B C E

WORLD EVENTS

Current Events 2002 only

Theme:

The American Civil War, 1860-65

(East of the Mississippi River)

Subtopics:

Politics of the Civil War

(secession, Confederate and U.S. Governments, legislation, domestic and international diplomacy, and foreign intervention)

Technology

(military, naval, transportation, and medical)

Famous People

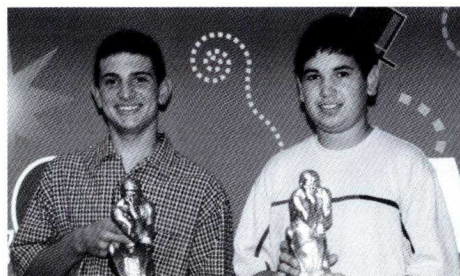
(political leaders, military leaders, spies, diplomats, other noteworthy men and women)

Major Land and Naval Battles

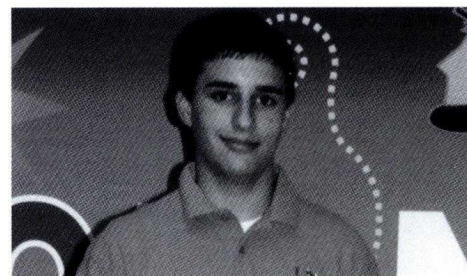
(limited to objective, location, innovations, commanding officers, key events, and outcomes) (Military land combat will be limited to those battles that occurred east of the Mississippi River.)

Role of Non-Citizen Units

(immigrant, Native American, African-American units in the Confederate and U.S. Militaries)



Stephen Bradford (L) and Jose Garcia
Elementary Sweeps Dominators



Jack Torres
Middle Sweeps Champ



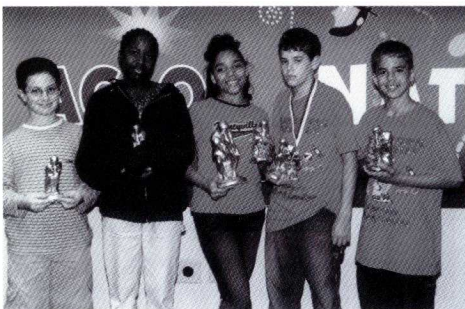
Paul Fletcher (C) with Jim Davis and Stu White



Polka-Dotted Flying Fish
Elementary World Events Wonders



Coolios
Elementary Presidents Pundits



Ben Franklin A
Elementary On-Sets Originals



Ann Arbor "My Mama"
Elementary Equations/Linguishtik
Experts



If I Flip a Coin — Middle Equations Experts

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AGLOA's web site

www.academicgames.org is filled with fascinating information about Academic Games!

Quickly receive notification of rule changes, schedule changes, and all sorts of information. Scan the descriptions of local leagues. Take the monthly quiz questions on each of the six games. Learn who the Board of Directors are. Check out all of the facts about the 2002 National Tournament and all the excitement of Charlotte, NC. Learn who are the players, teams, and coaches of the 20th Century.

Alumni can register online so that they receive additional AGLOA information and read the latest few alumni newsletters.

Browse to it and have fun!



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Elementary Propaganda Perfects



Triple A Reckin' Crew
Middle Linquishtik Champs



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Middle World Events Whizzes



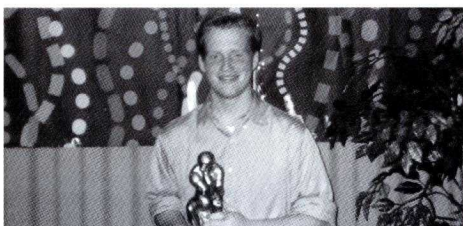
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Middle Presidents Pros

Outstanding Seniors

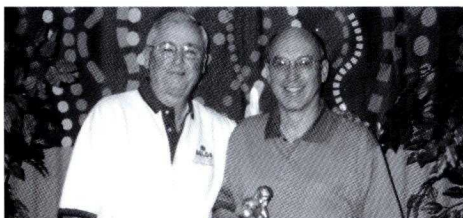
Six incredible Senior players were inducted into the Academic Games Senior Hall of Fame at the 2002 Tournament. Some of them will later be recognized as "All-Time Greats" by virtue of having three or more national individual titles. However, their recognition as outstanding Seniors is based primarily upon their giving attitudes. Each has spent a great deal of time and effort coaching teammates and strengthening the foundation of their own school and league programs. They live their beliefs that individual success comes from group excellence. They are to be honored as models for future Academic Gamers.

The 2002 inductees are:

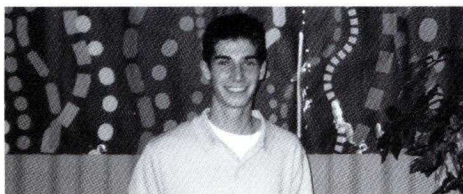
ANTHONY DIDLAKE	Detroit Renaissance, MI
SCOTT FUNK	Eastern Panhandle, WV
YANNA GAMBLE	St. Bernard Parish, LA
JAY WARD	Broward County, FL
CRAIG ZELLER	New Orleans, LA
CHRIS ZEPPENFELD	Western Pennsylvania AGL



Jay Ward



Bob Fleming (R) with Jim Davis



Chris Zeppenfeld



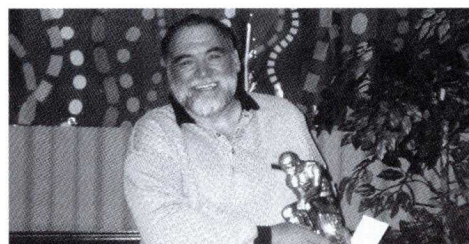
Yanna Gamble



Carla Lagattuta (R) with Sue Mellon



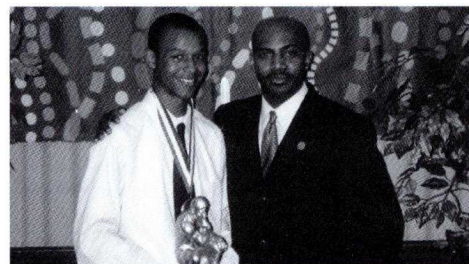
Mary Leva (R) with Donna Birch



Herb Muncy



Ellie Gamble (L) with Charisse Ripoll



Anthony Didlake (L) with Cedric Small



Scott Funk with Barb Farudi



Craig Zeller

Outstanding Educators

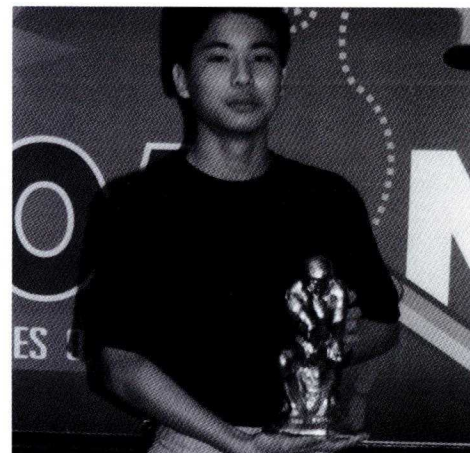
Academic Games teacher-coaches are the heart and soul of each local program. They recruit and train players, educate them in subject matter, inspire them to exceed their own expectations, encourage them to handle the challenges (mental and emotional) of competition, and manage the administration of a school team. The best of these teacher-coaches contribute in an exceptional manner to produce champion players. In 2002, the AGLOA Board was pleased to induct five superb individuals into the Academic Games Educator Hall of Fame. Each has set a standard of excellence that can be emulated by other Academic Games teacher-coaches.

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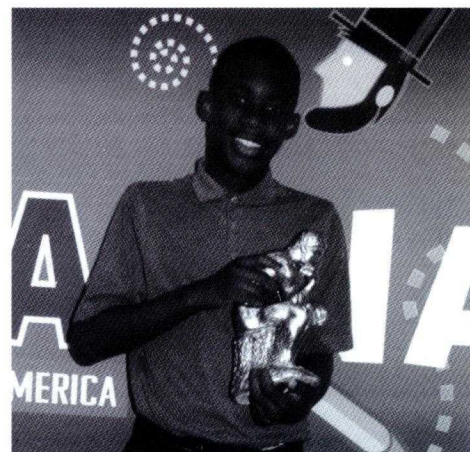
ROBERT FLEMING	Montour, PA
ELLIE GAMBLE	St. Bernard Parish, LA
CARLA LAGATTUTA	Allegheny Valley, PA
MARY LEVA	Mecklenburg Area, NC
HERB MUNCY	RESA II, WV

Senior Champions

EVENT	TEAMS	INDIVIDUALS
EQUATIONS	Different Strokes Detroit Renaissance, MI	A. Didlake, M. Telesford Detroit, MI
ON-SETS	Different Strokes Detroit Renaissance, MI	Adam Heine Jefferson Parish, LA
WORLD EVENTS	Palm-Pan WEV Palm Beach + East Panhdle	Paul Tanis Palm Beach County, FL
PRESIDENTS	DYNASTY WPAGLE, PA	Jay Ward Broward County, FL
LINGUISHTIK	Different Strokes Detroit Renaissance, MI	A. Didlake, M. Telesford Detroit, MI
PROPAGANDA	Brother Martin New Orleans, LA	Jay Ward Broward County, FL
SWEEPSTAKES	Different Strokes Detroit Renaissance, MI	Anthony Didlake Detroit, MI



Jeff Suen
Middle World Events Winner



David Akhigbe
Middle On-Sets Titlist

Junior Champions

EVENT	TEAMS	INDIVIDUALS
EQUATIONS	Good Times Detroit Renaissance, MI	A. Baker, M. Naughton Ann Arbor, MI
ON-SETS	Quit Drinking Haterade Ann Arbor, MI	Michael Blevins Detroit, MI
WORLD EVENTS	Mon-Val WPAGL, PA	Suraj Kabadi Palm Beach County, FL
PRESIDENTS	Quit Drinking Haterade Ann Arbor, MI	Lara Omps, EP, WV Jay Daigle, NO, LA
LINGUISHTIK	Quit Drinking Haterade Ann Arbor, MI	A. Baker, M. Naughton Ann Arbor, MI
PROPAGANDA	Quit Drinking Haterade Ann Arbor, MI	Lauren Mayhue Beaver County, PA
SWEEPSTAKES	Quit Drinking Haterade Ann Arbor, MI	Matt Naughton Ann Arbor, MI



Nick Cusimano
Elementary Presidents Pro

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Oglebay Resort is a wonderful opportunity for all four age Divisions to stay and play at the same site. Younger players have a chance to meet and learn from the high school players. Veteran high schoolers are exposed to the youthful enthusiasm of the younger students. All adults have an easy time interacting.

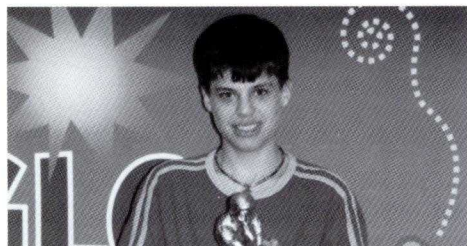
A full slate of six Academic Games championships will be offered, along with rules meetings, coaching improvement classes, and some fun social activities. The gorgeous Oglebay grounds will be open for relaxation and play.

Preliminary registration for the 2003 Tournament will begin in early December 2002 when the Tournament Announcement Packet will be mailed to league directors. Interested schools and leagues are encouraged to respond promptly since the rooms and cottages are limited in number.

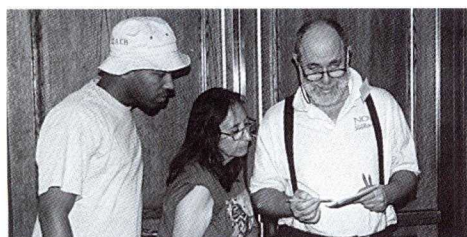
See you in WV in 2003!

Middle Champions

EVENT	TEAMS	INDIVIDUALS
EQUATIONS	If I Flip a Coin... Ann Arbor, MI	Orry Ball New Orleans, LA
ON-SETS	Unthinkable St. Bernard Parish, LA	David Akhigbe New Orleans, LA
WORLD EVENTS	TANG Palm Beach County, FL	Jeff Suen Indian River County, FL
PRESIDENTS	BC Hickories Beaver County, PA	Jack Torres St. Bernard Parish, LA
LINGUISHTIK	Triple A Reckin' Crew Ann Arbor, MI	Tamar Holoshitz Ann Arbor, MI
PROPAGANDA	Unthinkable St. Bernard Parish, LA	Jack Torres St. Bernard Parish, LA
SWEEPSTAKES	Unthinkable St. Bernard Parish, LA	Jack Torres St. Bernard Parish, LA



Orry Ball
Middle Equations Winner



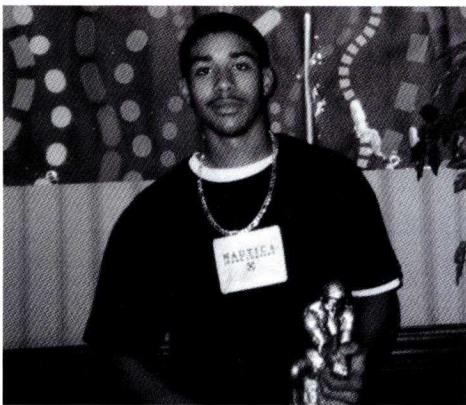
"This question is clear! Don't you think so?"



"Goodness, No! Think again!"

Elementary Division

EVENT	TEAMS	INDIVIDUALS
EQUATIONS	MaMaMy MyMama SaSaid Ann Arbor, MI	14 Undefeated
ON-SETS	Ben Franklin A New Orleans, LA	5 Undefeated
WORLD EVENTS	Polka Dotted Flying Fish Palm Beach County, FL	Stephen Bradford Palm Beach County, FL
PRESIDENTS	Coolios Beaver County, PA	Nick Cusimano St. Bernard Parish, LA
LINGUISHTIK	MaMaMy MyMama SaSaid Ann Arbor, MI	9 Undefeated
PROPAGANDA	Propinators Beaver County, PA	E. Shannon, J. Nardone Beaver County, PA
SWEEPSTAKES	St. Bernard Team A St. Bernard Parish, LA	Stephen Bradford Palm Beach County, FL



Michael Blevins
Junior On-Sets Honors



Lauren Mayhue
Junior Propaganda Champ

The mission of AGLOA is to establish and support academic competitions among schools in order to equip students with advanced academic skills, challenge them to reach for their best, empower them to take calculated risks, and prepare them for real-world teamwork.



BR Martin — Senior Propaganda Purists



WPAGL Stars
Junior World Events Whizzes



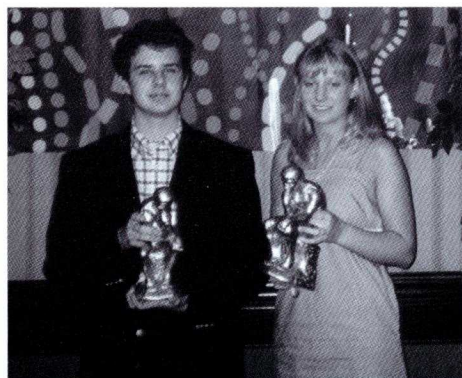
Montour Dynasty — Senior Presidents Pundits



Adam Heine
Senior On-Sets Champ



Suraj Kabadi
Junior World Events Winner



Jay Daigle and Lara Omps
Junior Presidents Champs



Palm Beach/East Panhandle
Senior World Events Champions