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ACADEMIC GAMES LEAGUES OF AMERICA

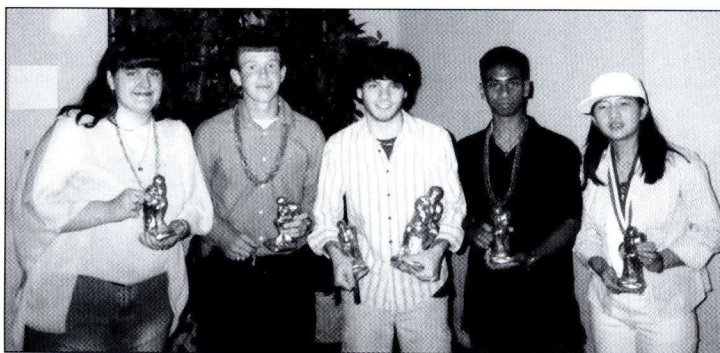
SOLUTIONS

2005 ACADEMIC GAMES NATIONALS

Laissez le bon temps rouler! (Let the Good Times Roll!)

In Marvelous Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Nearly 1,000 Academic Games players, coaches, and parents visited Baton Rouge, Louisiana, April 22-25, 2005, to challenge each other at the Academic Games National Tournament. Players flocked by plane, bus, and car from Michigan, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Georgia, Louisiana, and Florida to enjoy a wonderful four-day experience. Veteran teams and players welcomed newcomers and battled them for national team and individual championships. An organized trip to Dixie Landin' allowed participants to soak up the flavor of the bayou country. Many groups enjoyed New Orleans attractions before and after the Tournament.



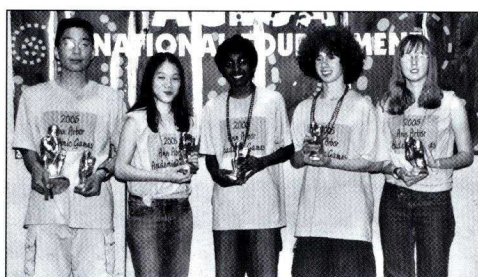
By The Beard of Zeus – Senior Superlatives



Br. Neal 4 Pope! – Junior Juggernaut

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 their own areas of expertise.

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



Eh?!? – Middle Magicians



Yes – Elementary Elite

thorough knowledge of the ancient Aztec, Inca, and Mayan civilizations. All players learned more about themselves emotionally as they struggled with being stable in defeat and gracious in victory.

Old friendships were renewed; new friendships were formed. Quality of play was remarkable. The 2005 Academic Games National Tournament, hosted by the most accommodating New Orleans, Jefferson, and St. Bernard Parish Academic Games Leagues, afforded a rewarding and enjoyable time for everyone.

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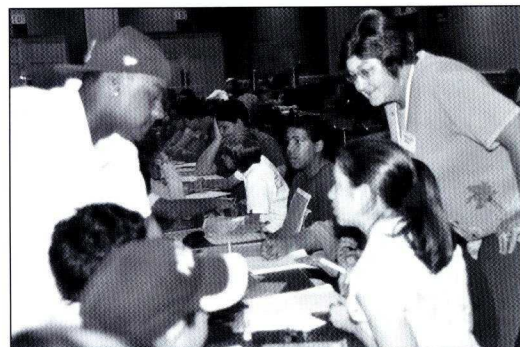
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Message from the Executive Director

Life is about Quality and Character

(modified from a letter to the adult contributors to the 2005 National Tournament)

To a casual observer, it appears that the local Academic Games Leagues and the National Tournament are all about competition and academic skills development. Certainly, we ARE about challenging our players to learn as much as they can. We encourage them to compete because we know that the subtle pressure of competition spurs them to learn more and dig deeper than they thought they could. They come out of our experience smarter than they were before; smarter than they would ever be without this experience.

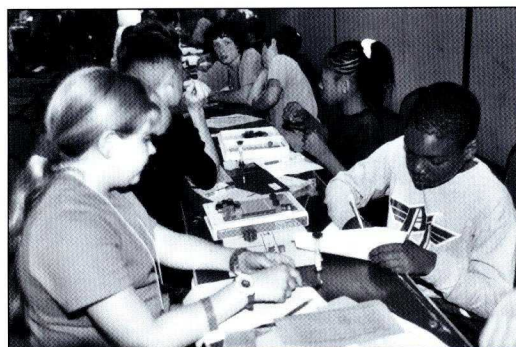


Yes, the adverb is in a complex sentence.

The Learning Challenge focus of AGLOA is vital to the growth of our players and coaches. Learning and growing are a crucial and continuing component of a successful life. When we stop learning (at ANY age), we stop growing.

A second, and perhaps more important, benefit that comes from our events is the development of character in our players and coaches. Academic Games events are not simply about learning a bunch of stuff and then scanning your memory to see how much of it you can spit out. Instead, players (and coaches) are faced with others who may know as much or more than they do. Players are asked to apply their knowledge in a constantly changing situation, to keep their cool when under pressure, to handle defeat without crumbling, to handle victory without gloating, to maintain their integrity – to develop their character.

The Character Development focus of AGLOA enriches all players and coaches and helps prepare them for real life. Our character, even more than our skills, determines who we are and how successfully we affect others.



Composing a brilliant solution

When we organize and conduct AGLOA Tournaments well, as we did in 2005, our players are able to develop their characters in a nourishing, supportive environment. They can fail and not be destroyed; they can succeed and not be too boastful; they can work together and learn teamwork; they can shine individually and develop self-confidence. All of these things happened over and over again in 2005.

Thanks to all of you who contributed to the development of successful lives!

Alums Still Contribute and Model Excellence

Old Academic Games coaches don't fade away. They just modify their shakes.

AGLOA has been blessed with continued contributions from many "retired" Academic Games coaches from the past. Each of these wonderful people has left the coaching ranks; they no longer teach or work for any school system. Yet, they continue to help AGLOA provide incredible learning experiences for generation after generation of players and current coaches. We are most grateful for their efforts.

Chuck Churchill coached Olsen Middle School of Broward County, Florida, in the first Academic Games National Tournament in 1966 and for many years after that. Chuck and his wife Dixie still write Theme Questions each year.

Paula Hidalgo is a Hall of Fame Elementary Division coach who left the New Orleans School District several years ago. Paula serves AGLOA as manager of awards purchasing and coordinator of the National Awards Ceremonies. She also is a certified judge and reader at National Tournaments.

Jean Skomra retired from the Elizabeth Forward, Pennsylvania, school system a couple of years ago and currently travels around the country with her husband in their mobile home. In between travel adventures, Jean collects (and writes some) PRESIDENTS Clues from many writers, edits them, and composes the Local and Nationals Tournament sets for all Divisions.

John Aloï retired from the Montour, Pennsylvania, school system last year and now serves as National Rules Chairperson for Social Studies. John writes Current Events and Theme questions and compiles the contributions from many writers into the Local and Nationals Tournament sets for all Divisions. He is an AGLOA Board member.

2006 NATIONAL TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD IN CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

The 2006 Academic Games National Tournament will be held April 27–30, 2006, in glorious Charlotte, North Carolina. Groups will arrive on Friday, April 27, for registration and the opening ceremony. Competition will take place April 28–30, with awards on the evening of the April 30. Nearly 1,000 participants are expected at the two hotel sites – the Marriott Executive Park for Elementary/Middle and the Hilton Executive Park for Junior/Senior. The two hotels are side-by-side.

The Charlotte area is a wonderful opportunity for all four age Divisions to focus on the Tournament activities and still have an opportunity for gorgeous side trips in the Carolinas. The Sunday night fun activity will be at the exciting Carowinds Amusement Park.

A full slate of six Academic Games championships will be offered, along with rules meetings, coaching improvement classes, visits from alumni, and fun social interactions.

Preliminary registration for the 2006 Tournament will begin in early December 2005 when the Tournament Announcement Packet will be mailed to league directors and available on the academicgames.org web site. Interested schools and leagues are encouraged to respond promptly since the rooms are limited in number.

See you in gorgeous Charlotte in 2006!

Ava Sue Hickerson retired from the Palm Beach County, Florida, school system a couple of years ago as a Hall of Fame Elementary Division coach. Ava Sue continues to serve as National Elementary Division coordinator. Her organizational skills and patience with the Elementary Division players is legendary.

Jim Davis retired from the Allegheny Valley, Pennsylvania, school system a few years ago after a Hall of Fame coaching career that began in 1967. Jim currently serves AGLOA as School Marketing Director, National Tournament Administrator, and Board member.

Mike Steigerwald, a Hall of Fame player and coach, is an active analyst and programmer for a company in Minneapolis, Minnesota. His love contributions to AGLOA are as Alumni Affairs Director, editor of the Alumni Newsletter, Board member, and question contributor to PROPAGANDA and PRESIDENTS.

Stuart White retired from the Ann Arbor, Michigan, school system a few years ago as a Hall of Fame Middle Division coach. Stu continues to serve as a valuable member of the AGLOA Board and the Nationals Junior/Senior Division Administrator.

Steve Wright, a Hall of Fame team member and coach from Detroit, Michigan, is a partner in a successful Michigan law firm. Steve continues to serve AGLOA as a Board member and as legal counsel.

All of the current AGLOA coaches and players are most appreciative of the commitment and dedication of these incredible people. Thank you a whole bunch! We invite other alumni to assist AGLOA in helping future generations of Academic Gamers.

2005-2006 Reading Games Topics

PRESIDENTS	Elementary and Middle Divisions	1 - 24
	Junior and Senior Divisions	1 - 43

PROPAGANDA	Sections A B D F
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WORLD EVENTS

Current Events	2005 only
Theme	THE 1970s IN AMERICA: 1970-1979

SUBTOPICS

THE COLD WAR AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: International Conflicts, Treaties, Propaganda, Political and Military Alliances, Nuclear Arms Race, Vietnam, Iranian Hostage Crisis, the Oil Embargo

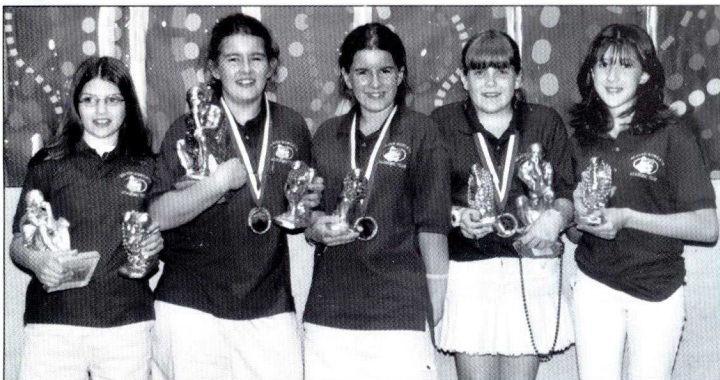
DISASTERS: Natural and Manmade

THE ARTS AND POPULAR CULTURE: The Arts (Visual Art, Music, Dance, Theater, Literature), Popular Culture (Movies, Television, Entertainment, Sports, Fashion, Fads, Toys and Games, Education, Family Life)

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: Inventions, Medicine, Transportation, Exploration, Energy, Military, Nuclear, Scientific Discoveries, Space Program, Electronics

FAMOUS PEOPLE: Political, Military, Entertainment, the Arts, Sports, Social Movement Leaders

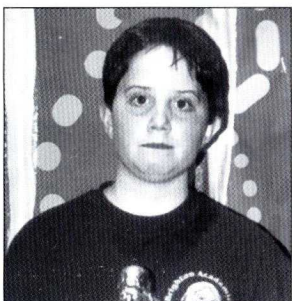
POLITICS: National Elections, Supreme Court, Watergate, Social Movements, and Civil Rights Movements.



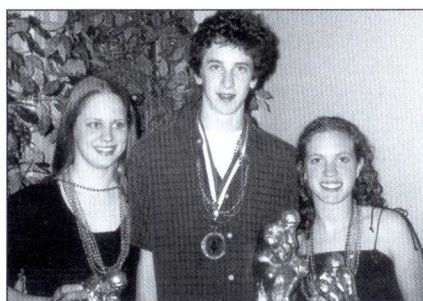
Beaver Bobcats – Elementary Propaganda Winners



Mike's Mike & Ikes – Senior Lungishtik Laudables

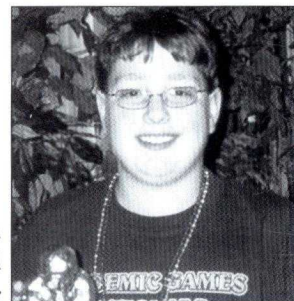


Dylan Weaver
Elementary
World Events Wiz



Maya Spivak, Seth Buchsbaum,
Katie Everett – Junior Equations Experts

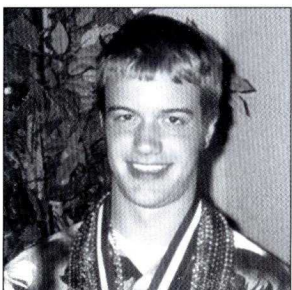
Devon McCullough
Junior World
Events Winner



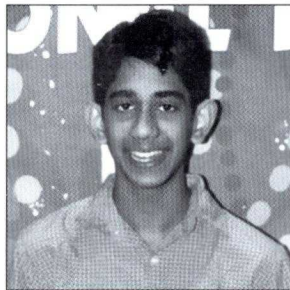
Aztec Nobles – Middle World Events Whizzes



St. Bernard A – Junior Presidents Pundits

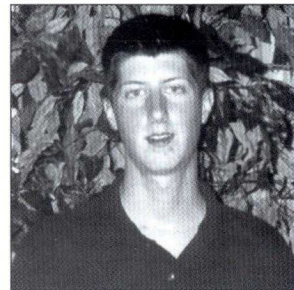


Sean Getway
Senior World
Events Wonder



Kelsey Weimer – Elementary
Presidents Pundit

Justin Branley
Senior Propaganda
Winner



Find it on www.academicgames.org

AGLOA's web site www.academicgames.org is updated and more appealing! It has an enormous amount of information about Academic Games.

Learn about upcoming events, changes in rules, and all sorts of information about the games, coaching techniques, and judging tips. Take the monthly quiz on each game to learn more. Find out who is in the all-time Hall of Fame.

Alumni have their own separate section, complete with newsletters. They can register online to receive addition AGLOA information.

Complete news about the 2006 Tournament in Charlotte, North Carolina, is viewable.

Browse to it and have fun!

Outstanding Seniors

Four players were named Academic Games Outstanding Seniors at the 2005 Tournament. Each of them has been an excellent player in local, regional and national tournaments. 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 2005 inductees are:

JONATHAN BENNETT

Jefferson Parish, LA

BRANDON LOWDEN

Montour, PA

KIMBERLY SEVIN

Jefferson Parish, LA

VICTORIA YU

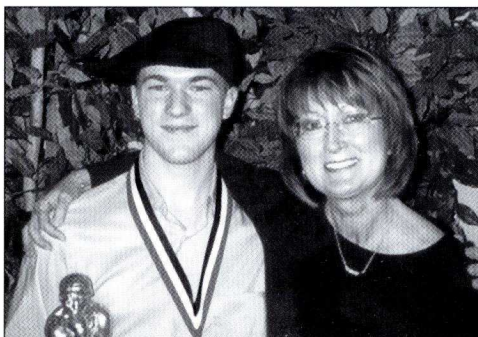
Blackhawk, PA



Jonathan Bennet with Michelle Gardner



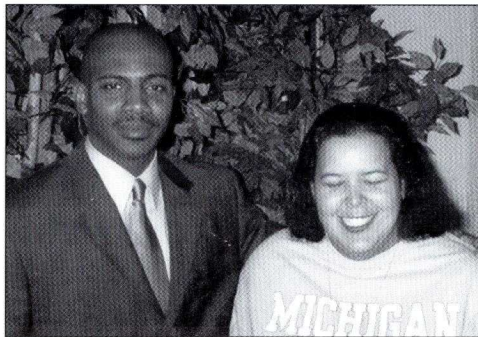
Victoria Yu with Sue Anne Linnenbom



Brandon Lowden with Georgene Andrasko



Kimberly Sevin with Pam Hebert



Monique Wonderly with Cedric Small

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. Some of these outstanding educators contribute in a major way in administering local leagues. In 2005, the AGLOA Board was pleased to name two superb individuals as Academic Games Outstanding Educators. Each has set a standard of excellence that can be emulated by other Academic Games teacher-coaches.

The 2005 inductees are:

JEAN MURLIN

New Orleans, LA

MONIQUE WONDERLY

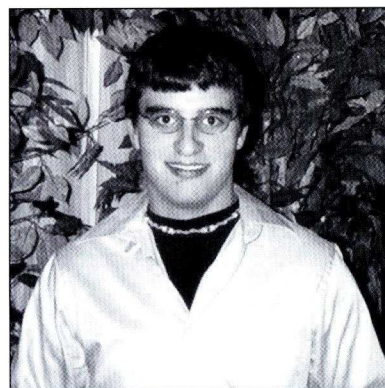
Grand Rapids, MI



Jean Murlin (R) with Diana Wieberg

Senior Championships

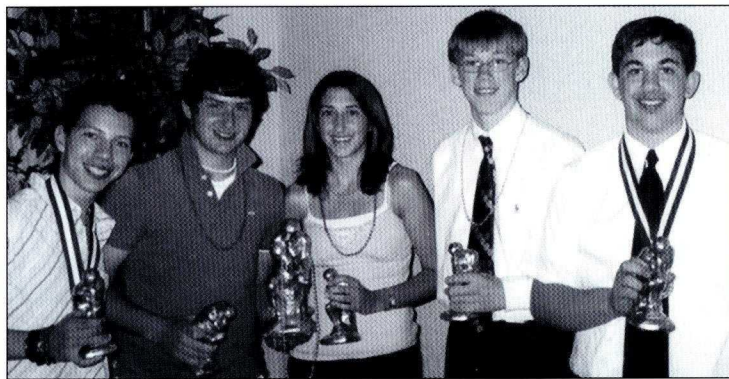
EVENT	TEAMS	INDIVIDUALS
EQUATIONS	Tinika's Treasures Detroit Renaissance, MI	Jack Torres St. Bernard Parish, LA
ON-SETS	By the Beard of Zeus Jefferson Parish, LA	Jack Torres St. Bernard Parish, LA
WORLD EVENTS	Montezuma's Revenge RESA II, WV	Sean Getway IU4, PA
PRESIDENTS	WPAGL PRES WPAGL, PA	Justin Branley Br. Martin, LA
LINGUISHTIK	Mike's Mike & Ikes Detroit Renaissance, MI	Bryan VanDuijn Mark Petzold Grand Rapids, MI
PROPAGANDA	WPAGL PROP WPAGL, PA	Tyler Barker St. Bernard Parish, LA
SWEEPSTAKES	By the Beard of Zeus St. Bernard Parish, LA	Jack Torres St. Bernard Parish, LA



Jack Torres – Senior Sweeps Champ



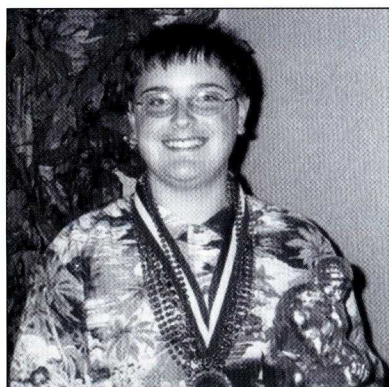
Montezuma's Revenge – Senior World Events Champions



WPAGL WEV – Junior World Events Experts

Junior Championships

EVENT	TEAMS	INDIVIDUALS
EQUATIONS	Br. Neal 4 Pope! Ann Arbor, MI	S. Buchsbaum, M. Spivak, Katie Everett Ann Arbor, MI
ON-SETS	Br. Neal 4 Pope! Ann Arbor, MI	Paul Lewis Ann Arbor, MI
WORLD EVENTS	WPAGL WEV WPAGL, PA	Devon McCullough WPAGL, PA
PRESIDENTS	St. Bernard A St. Bernard Parish, LA	Kevin Baird WPAGL, PA
LINGUISHTIK	Br. Neal 4 Pope! Ann Arbor, MI	B. Stein, C. Tang, M. Spivak, K. Everett Ann Arbor, MI
PROPAGANDA	WPAGL PROP WPAGL, PA	Paul Lewis Ann Arbor, MI
SWEEPSTAKES	Br. Neal 4 Pope! Ann Arbor, MI	Paul Lewis Ann Arbor, MI

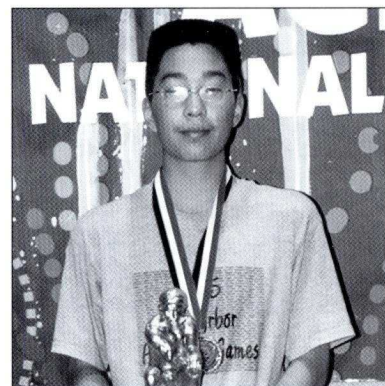


Paul Lewis – Junior Sweeps Winner

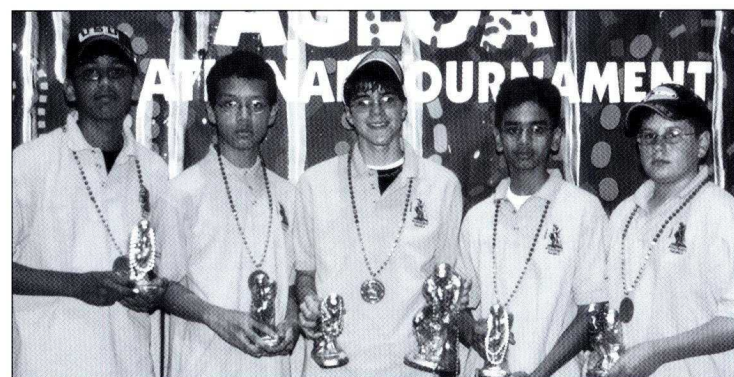
Middle Championships



EVENT	TEAMS	INDIVIDUALS
EQUATIONS	EH!!? Ann Arbor, MI	Nick Wang Ann Arbor, MI
ON-SETS	Play P.O.P.E., Win Sweeps St. Bernard Parish, LA	Nick Wang Ann Arbor, MI
WORLD EVENTS	Aztec Nobles RESA II, WV	Nicholas Porter RESA II, WV
PRESIDENTS	EH!!? Ann Arbor, MI	Kishore Jayakumar WPAGL
LINGUISHTIK	EH!!? Ann Arbor, MI	Will Liu Ann Arbor, MI
PROPAGANDA	Magicians in Logic Beaver County, PA	Samantha Berry Beaver County, PA
SWEEPSTAKES	EH!!? Ann Arbor, MI	Nick Wang Ann Arbor, MI



Nick Wang – Middle Sweeps Magnificence



Play P.O.P.E., Win Sweeps – Middle On-Sets Outstanding



Mad Mongeese – Elementary World Event Wonders

Elementary Championships

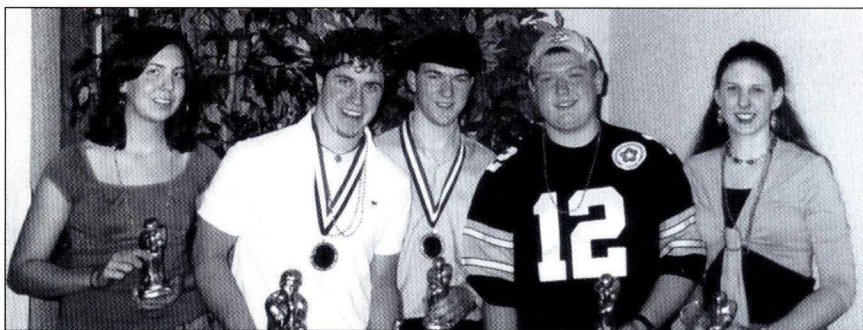
EVENT	TEAMS	INDIVIDUALS
EQUATIONS	Don't Even Try, U NO DA DRILL St. Bernard Parish, LA	10 Undefeated
ON-SETS	Don't Even Try St. Bernard Parish, LA YES, Ann Arbor, MI	7 Undefeated
WORLD EVENTS	Mad Mongeese Beaver County, PA	Dylan Weaver Beaver County, PA
PRESIDENTS	Beaver Bobcats Beaver County, PA	Kelsey Weimer Eastern Panhandle, WV
LINGUISHTIK	English Muffins II Indian River County, FL	7 Undefeated
PROPAGANDA	Beaver Bobcats Beaver County, PA	Laura Shute Beaver County, PA
SWEEPSTAKES	YES Ann Arbor, MI	Jenny Nguyen Jefferson Parish, LA



Jenny Nguyen with Coach Bonnie Burt
Elementary Sweeps Expert



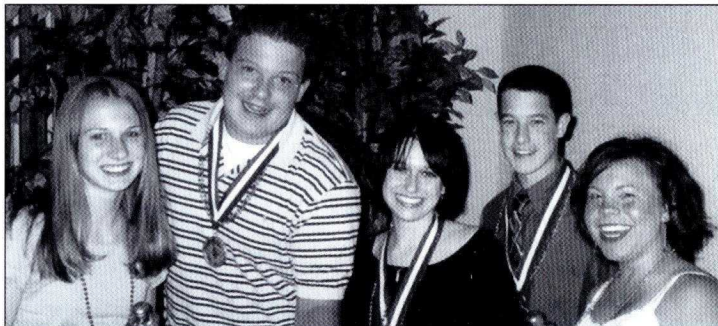
The Mission of AGLOA is to establish and support academic competitions among schools in order to equip students with advanced academic skills, challenge them to reach for their best, empower them to take calculated risks, and prepare them for real-world teamwork.



WPAGL #1 – Senior Propaganda Champs



Tinika's Treasures – Senior Equations Experts



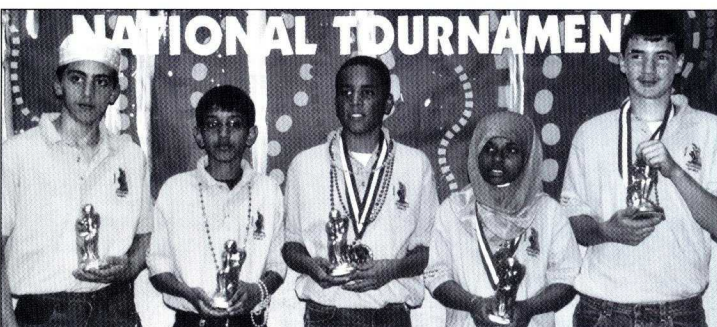
WPAGL Prop – Junior Propaganda Champs



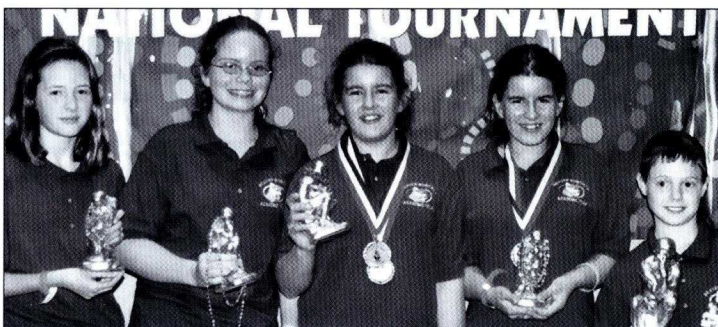
Magicians in Logic – Middle Propaganda Purists



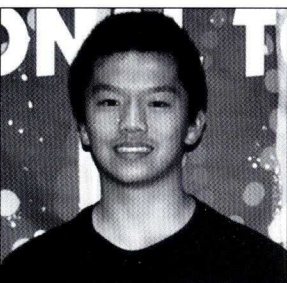
English Muffins II – Elementary Linguistik Winners



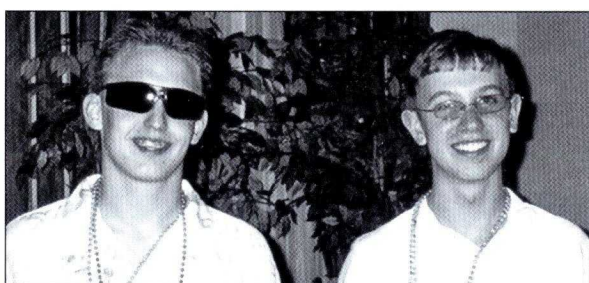
Don't Even Try U No Da Drill – Elementary Math Masters



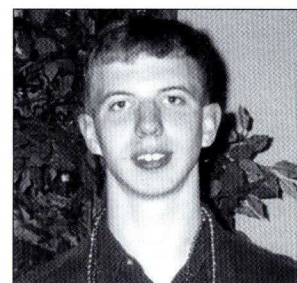
Beaver Bobcats – Elementary Presidents Winners



Will Liu – Middle
Linguistik Champ



Mark Petzold & Bryan VanDuinen
Senior Linquistik Co-Champs



Kevin Baird – Junior
Presidents Perfection