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ACADEMIC GAMES LEAGUES OF AMERICA

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2008 ACADEMIC GAMES NATIONALS

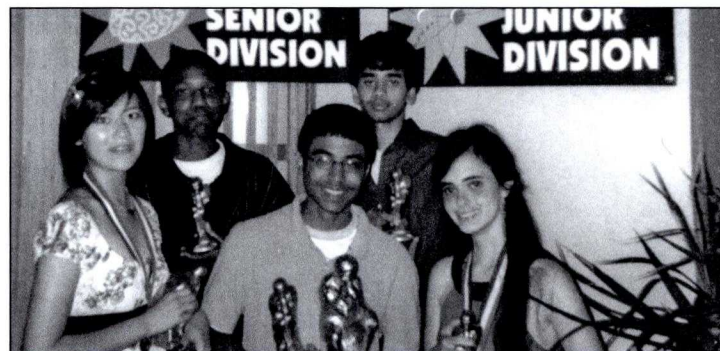
Sunny, South Florida

Welcomes Everyone with Open Arms

Over 1,100 Academic Games players, coaches, and parents visited Kissimmee, Florida, April 25-28, 2008, to challenge each other at the Academic Games National Tournament. Players poured in by plane, bus, and car from Michigan, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, West Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Taiwan, and Florida to enjoy a fun-filled four-day experience. Most groups came in early or stayed a day or two later to enjoy the exciting venues around Disney World. During the Tournament, they faced fierce competition from one another. Veteran teams and players welcomed newcomers and battled them for national team and individual championships.



Back in the Old Country – SR Sweeps Superbs



Intoxicated Monkeys – JR Sweeps Champions

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). Many players competed in four or five 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



Oh My Gosh! –
Middle Sweeps Specials



Sabertooth Teddy Bears –
Elementary Sweeps Specials

propaganda or developed a deeper appreciation for our national leaders or displayed a thorough knowledge of major American disasters of the 20th Century. 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 2008 Academic Games National Tournament crowned champions and honored players and teams. It will be remembered most for the level playing field, as championships were earned by teams from many different areas.

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Message from the AGLOA Board The New Guard is Leading AGLOA Onto a Whole New Level of Quality, Readying Us for National Expansion

Our 2008 Academic Games National Tournament in Kissimmee, Florida, produced an explosion of positive emotions. Over 800 players, augmented by nearly 300 coaches and parents, flocked to Florida to compete and determine the best Academic Games players for this school year.

What happened was beyond imagination. Players helped one another. Adults strengthened and encouraged their players. Opponents unleashed their best strategies and were confronted with even better ones. Vocabulary was expanded and writing rose to heights of creativity. Mathematical solutions were created that sometimes stumped certified judges. Current political propaganda was dissected and revealed for its flaws. Presidential performances amid their complex historical contexts were understood. Knowledge and academic skill abounded and champions were rewarded.



**Kelly Kinard (r), superb educator
w/ Nancy Kinard**

More importantly, players and coaches were applauded and appreciated for efforts above and beyond the normal. Two college freshmen from MIT in Boston opened a new program in Massachusetts and were competitive in their first year. Six outstanding Seniors, the most



**Brysien Beer, outstanding senior
w/ Monique Wonderly**

in history, were honored for excellence and for support of their teammates. Winners came from an unprecedented number of different programs. A departing League Director received a standing ovation from her players and her opponents. An Elementary Coordinator was honored for her written testimonial and vowed to spread Academic Games to more Districts in her state.

The young guard is coming in waves. Veteran successful coaches are now vying for honors from a new, fresh set of former players turned coaches. Academic Games is becoming revitalized. Each of you – veteran and young challenger alike – was instrumental in delivering one of the best Tournaments in history. Skill and knowledge and honor and

1. What is the value of this Math expression? (Elementary Level)
 $3\sqrt{(6+9)}$
Up to two factorials allowed.

2009 NATIONAL TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD IN KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

The 2009 Academic Games National Tournament will be held April 24 – 27, 2009, in Knoxville, Tennessee. Groups will arrive on Friday, April 24, for registration and the opening ceremonies. Competition will take place April 25–27, with awards on the evening of the April 27. Over 1,000 participants are expected.



3 Mile Island Junkies -
Jr. World Events Whizzes



Jennifer Tu
Mid Propaganda
Perfect



Nicholas Porter
Sr. World Events
Winner



Obama Nation - El World Events Whizzes



WPAGL Pres - Sr. Presidents Purists

Players, coaches, and parents will be housed in two hotels – The Holiday Inn Select and The Hilton. Both are right near the Knoxville Convention Center, where all meals will be served and all Tournament activities will take place.

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. A full slate of optional fun activities will be distributed in early 2009.

Preliminary registration for the 2009 Tournament will begin in early December 2008 when the Tournament Announcement Packet will be mailed to league directors and available on the www.academicgames.org web site. Interested schools and leagues are encouraged to respond promptly since the rooms are limited in number.

See you in the incredible Knoxville area in 2009!

2008-09 Reading Games Topics

PRESIDENTS	Elementary and Middle Divisions	25 - 43
	Junior and Senior Divisions	1 - 43

For all Divisions, some of the Clues may refer to campaign Slogans.
For Junior and Senior Divisions only, information about the following U.S. Leaders might be included in Clues with presidents 25 - 43:
Douglas MacArthur, George Marshall, John Foster Dulles/Henry Kissinger, Thurgood Marshall, Cesar Chavez, Martin Luther King Jr., Sandra Day O'Connor

PROPAGANDA	Sections	A	C	D	E
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WORLD EVENTS

Current Events: 2008 only

Theme:

1980s in America: January 1, 1980-December 31, 1989

NEWSPORTHY: People, Places, Events

FIRSTS OR RECORD BREAKERS: Foods, Fads, People or New Words

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: Discoveries, Inventions, Innovations and Medical Advances

INTERNATIONAL MATTERS WITH AN AMERICAN CONNECTION:
World Leaders, International Conferences, Crisis and Affairs

ENTERTAINMENT: the Arts, Literature, Theatre, Movies, Music and Television



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integrity were apparent. These lessons will carry over into the adult futures of all players. The teachers of these lessons are to be congratulated.

Amidst this revitalization, videographers captured the excitement of the Tournament, interviewed players, coaches, and administrators to elicit character and emotions during the event, and subsequently prepared a video to be used to attract new schools and leagues in the nation and beyond.

In addition, AGLOA is making Grant Applications to five major Foundations, seeking financial assistance to help promote and advertise Academic Games to educators everywhere.

The future of AGLOA is bursting with promise. The future of AGLOA is with veteran stability plus fresh new hands and minds. We anticipate the future with excitement and awe.



Caleb Davis
Mid World Events Champion



Caitlin Bonham
w/ Rob Trombley



Ruth Porter (r)
w/ Brenda Saunders



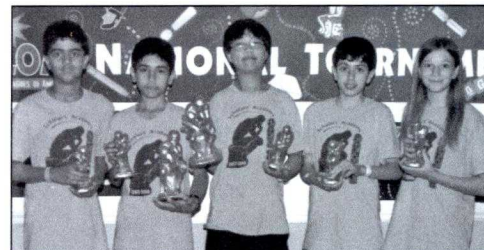
Len Herrington
w/ Sue Mellon



It's Where We Want to Be!
Jr. Presidents Pundits



Siked Gatour Baskets
Mid Linguishtik Winners



Kung Fu Pandas - El Propaganda Perfects

Find it on www.academicgames.org

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

New to the site is the opportunity for students and teachers to learn both PRESIDENTS and PROPAGANDA online. This new Online Learning feature can help sharpen the skills of veteran participants, but it is primarily intended to make it easier for new schools, districts, and states to learn about AGLOA and its exciting events.

You may go to the site to see 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 additional AGLOA information.

News about the 2008 Tournament is viewable. The Tournament announcements change as the school year progresses.

Browse to www.academicgames.org and learn and have fun!

2. Write two Solutions equal to this Math expression. (Middle/High School)
The Solutions must be written in base 8.
 $2 * (1/3)$
Solutions must be in addition to two to the one-third power.

Outstanding Seniors

SIX excellent players were named Academic Games Outstanding Seniors at the 2008 National Tournament. Each of them has been an excellent player in local, regional and national tournaments. However, recognition of these Seniors as Outstanding 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 have been models and heroes in their District programs. All of them live their belief that individual success comes from group excellence. They are to be honored for their contributions and their character.

KEVIN BAIRD

Allegheny Valley, PA

BRYSIEN BEER

Grand Rapids, MI

RYAN GREGOIRE

St. Bernard Parish, LA

DAVID LONG

Mercer, PA

LAURA WASHINGTON

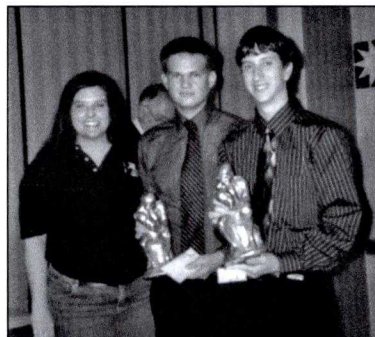
Detroit Renaissance, MI

ALEX WENDLING

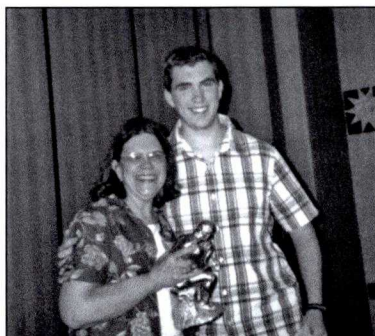
St. Bernard Parish, LA



Kevin Baird w/ Sue Mellon



Ryan Gregoire and Alex Wendling
w/ Melinda Hall



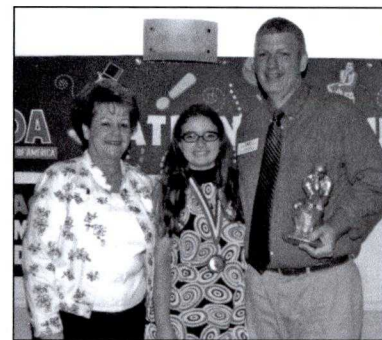
David Long w/ Madge Tamber



Heather Davidson
Coach Testimonial



Laura Washington
w/ Rod Beard



Cecil Phibbs w/ Nancy Kinard (l)
and Doninique Luongo

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 and to improve the National Tournament. In 2008, the AGLOA Board was pleased to name five superb individuals as Academic Games Outstanding Educators. Each has set a standard of excellence that can be emulated by other Academic Games teacher-coaches.

CAITLIN BONHAM

Ann Arbor, MI

LEN HERRINGTON

Allegheny Valley, PA

KELLY KINARD

Palm Beach County, FL

CECIL PHIBBS

Palm Beach County, FL

RUTH PORTER

RESA II, WV

3. Is the word “adjacent” in an adverb phrase?

The handsome man looked out the window in the adjacent building.

Senior Championships

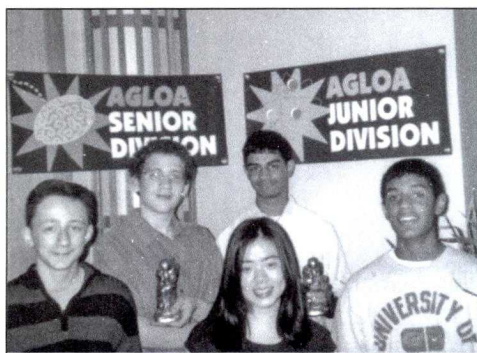
EVENT	TEAMS	INDIVIDUALS
EQUATIONS	We'll Beat Your Aces Grand Rapids, MI	Theodore Petzold Grand Rapids, MI
ON-SETS	Rock, Paper, Docile Sheep New Orleans, LA	Shanelle Covington Detroit Renaissance, MI
WORLD EVENTS	The Epicenters RESA II, WV	Nicholas Porter RESA II, WV
PRESIDENTS	WPAGL Pres WPAGL, PA	Kevin Baird Allegheny Valley, PA
LINGUISHTIK	We'll Beat Your Aces Grand Rapids, MI	Katie Everett Ann Arbor, MI
PROPAGANDA	WPAGL PROP 1 WPAGL, PA	Benjamin Gilyot New Orleans, LA
SWEEPSTAKES	Back in the Old Country New Orleans, LA	Adil Yousuf New Orleans, LA



Adil Yousuf
Sr. Sweeps Star



Jordana Williams
Sr. Sweeps Star



Free Dumb Isn't Free
Jr. On-Sets Champions



The Panel - Jr. Prop/Ling Champions



Rock, Paper, Docile Sheep
Sr. On-Sets Honorees

Junior Championships

EVENT	TEAMS	INDIVIDUALS
EQUATIONS	Intoxicated Monkeys New Orleans, LA	Sravan Rengarajan Ann Arbor, MI
ON-SETS	Freedumb Isn't Free Ann Arbor, MI	Jordana Williams New Orleans, LA
WORLD EVENTS	3 Mile Island Junkies RESA II, WV	Jacob Bonessi Beaver County, PA
PRESIDENTS	It's Where We Want to Be! Beaver County, PA	Laura Shute Beaver County, PA
LINGUISHTIK	Palm Beach County, FL	Kierstdea Furey Grand Rapids, MI
PROPAGANDA	The Panel Palm Beach County, FL	Shayna Posses Palm Beach County, FL
SWEEPSTAKES	Intoxicated Monkeys New Orleans, LA	Jordana Williams New Orleans, LA

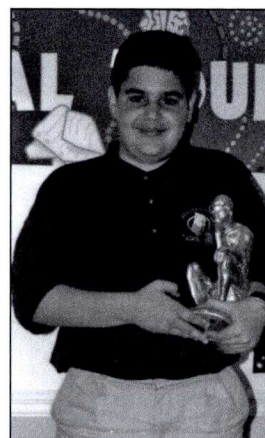
4. In PROPAGANDA, Section D, which technique is being used below?

Husband to wife: "You should choose our vacation destination this year. Your taste and judgment are exceptional. I know we will like what you choose."

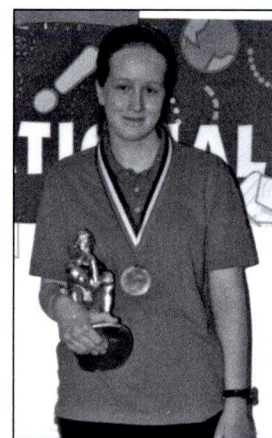
Middle Championships



EVENT	TEAMS	INDIVIDUALS
EQUATIONS	Tengo Tarjeta Verde Jefferson Parish, LA	Lena Ji Ann Arbor, MI
ON-SETS	Tengo Tarjeta Verde Jefferson Parish, LA	D. Wright, R. Syed Jefferson Parish, LA
WORLD EVENTS	The Kitchen Cabinet Palm Beach County, FL	Caleb Davis RESA II, WV
PRESIDENTS	Oh My Gosh Cubed! Ann Arbor, MI	Kathleen Huntzicker Ann Arbor, MI
LINGUISHTIK	sIKEd Gatourbaskets Ann Arbor, MI	Jerome Taylor Palm Beach County, FL
PROPAGANDA	Vidimus – We Saw Forsyth County, GA	Jennifer Tu New Orleans, LA
SWEEPSTAKES	Oh My Gosh Cubed! Ann Arbor, MI	Kathleen Huntzicker Ann Arbor, MI



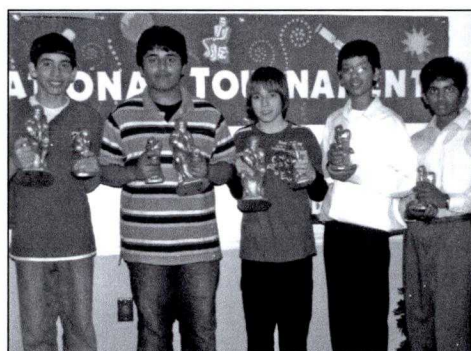
George Avedellas
El. Presidents Excellence



Kathleen Huntzicker
Mid. Sweeps Superb



Daniel Zimmer - El Sweeps Superb
w/ Margie Walsh



Tengo Tarjeta Verde
Mid. Eq/Os Champions



Kitchen Cabinet
Mid. World Events Wonders

Elementary Championships

EVENT	TEAMS	INDIVIDUALS
EQUATIONS	We'll Google Your Yahoo Ann Arbor, MI	15 Undefeated
ON-SETS	We'll Google Your Yahoo Ann Arbor, MI	5 Undefeated
WORLD EVENTS	O-Bama-Nation Palm Beach County, FL	Daniel Zimmer Palm Beach County, FL
PRESIDENTS	CBS Falcons New Orleans, LA	Georgie Avdellas Beaver County, PA
LINGUISHTIK	We'll Google Your Yahoo Ann Arbor, MI	8 Undefeated
PROPAGANDA	Kung Fu Panda Metrolina, NC	Parth Thakker Metrolina, NC
SWEEPSTAKES	Sabertooth Teddy Bears Ann Arbor, MI	Daniel Zimmer Palm Beach County, FL

5. From PRESIDENTS Range 34-43, which President is revealed below?
One of my proudest accomplishments was the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation formed to help solidify banks by insuring deposits up to \$5,000 {today up to \$100,000} so depositors would not lose money if the bank failed. I was an avid stamp collector, and as President, I took part in designing some U.S. postage stamps and approved all of the new stamps.



Katie Everett -
Sr. Linguistik
Champion



Shanelle Covington
Sr. On-Sets
Champion



Benjamin Gilyot - Sr. Propaganda Purist
w/ Bao Tran



The Epicenters -
Sr. World Events Wonders



WPAGL Prop 1 -
Sr. Propaganda Champions



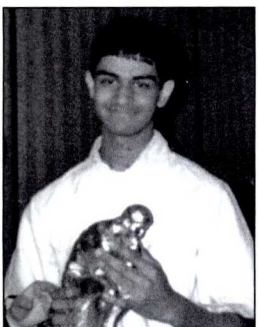
Theodore Petzold
Sr. Equations Elite



We'll Google Your Yahoo! - El. EQ/OS/LING Cube Superbs



Vidimus - We Saw - Mid. Propaganda Titlists



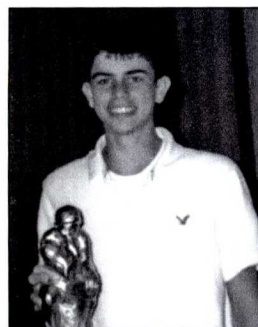
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Jr. Equations
Excellence



Kierstdea Furey
Jr. Linguistik
Laudable



CBS Falcons - El Presidents Champions



Jacob Bonessi
Jr. Worlds Events
Winners



Jerome Taylor
Mid Linguistik
Champion

Quiz Answers

1. $9 = 3\sqrt{(6+9)} = 3\sqrt{(720+9)}$
2. $4*(1/6) \text{ or } 8*(1/9) \text{ or } 20\{sixteen\}*(1/14 \{one-twelfth\}) \text{ or } \dots$
3. No. Adjacent is in the phrase "in the adjacent building." In this sentence, that phrase tells where the window is. Thus, it modifies a noun, making it an Adjective phrase.
4. Appeal to Flattery (A Technique that works often, which is why people use it.)
5. Franklin Delano Roosevelt