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# ACADEMIC GAMES LEAGUES OF AMERICA

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Academic Games community,

I hope this finds you in good spirits and that you and your loved ones are healthy.

Throughout the past year, the COVID-19 pandemic has changed almost every aspect of our lives, from school to travel to simple things such as shopping and gathering with friends and family.

Many of you have had to adjust to going to school virtually or in a hybrid model, with some in-person learning. It hasn't been easy, but as is our natural tendency, we've been able to change with the times and find some new level of normalcy.

It's been a difficult year for AGLOA as well. After having to cancel last year's tournament in Atlanta because of the pandemic, we worked to try to preserve an in-person national competition this year.

That effort was not successful. Because of the serious nature of the pandemic and the dangerous numbers of positive cases around the country, we will not be able to have the 2021 national tournament at Oglebay Resort in West Virginia.

Although there are vaccines that have shown some promise, we are prioritizing the health and safety of all of our participants and we are canceling the in-person tournament. It's incredibly disappointing for all of our students, parents and coaches, but most especially our graduating seniors, who will miss the opportunity to finish their Academic Games careers the way they wanted.

We are working to host virtual events, like our Winter Invitational, that will allow us to connect the Academic Games community and play the games that we love.

These continue to be challenging times and we remain hopeful that we will be able to gather again — without masks — for the 2022 national tournament. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at [Rod.Beard@agloa.org](mailto:Rod.Beard@agloa.org).

Sincerely,

Rod Beard  
AGLOA Executive Director