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MASD Students Place at National ALGOA Tournament



Moon Area students competed against hundreds of peers at the 2010 Academic Games Leagues of America National Tournament in Cincinnati on April 22 – 26 after qualifying at regional competitions.

In the middle division, eighth-graders Dan Walter and Abby Eberts were members of a team that placed second out of 40 teams in the Propaganda competition and Dan also was awarded an individual medal for placing seventh out of more than 200 students in the World Events category. Sixth-grader Rachel Boward was awarded an individual medal for finishing in 10th place out of more than 200 students in the elementary-level Propaganda event.

At the senior level, senior Dan Murray individually placed ninth and was a member of a team that placed third in the World Events competition. Sophomore Savanna Starko and freshman Rebecca Zane were members of a second-place team in the World Events category.

MAMS sixth-graders Rachel Boward, Natalie Melton and Allison Ulven; seventh-grader Dana Murray; eighth-graders Ashley Hall and Nora Kupiec; MAHS freshman Selin Sirinterlikci sophomores Sarah Kelly, Jenna Murray and Vidisha Sharma; juniors Priyeta Panigrahi and April Peng and senior Zac Liskay also competed at the national tournament after qualifying in the elementary, middle, junior and senior divisions in World Events, Propaganda or Presidents categories' regional competitions.

National competitors at the tournament, which welcomed students from seven states, are determined during regional tournaments in six divisions: presidents, equations, on-sets, propaganda, linguisthik and world events, held by the area's competing body - Western Pennsylvania Academic Games League. Each division presents students with a unique set of challenges.

Academic Games tournaments started in 1966 and since that time more than 100,000 students have competed in a local match. In Moon Area, sixth-graders through seniors take on peers from seven nearby school districts in elementary, middle, junior and senior divisions.