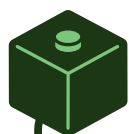


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Message from the President

June 7th, 2024



Mia McGill
President, PACE

As the President of the Partnership for Academic Competition Excellence, I'm so pleased to welcome you all to the Hyatt Regency Reston for the 2024 National Scholastic Championship! The PACE Board has been working hard this year to ensure this will be the best NSC yet, and we're so excited to have you all here. This is where I staffed my very first NSC back in 2019, so I'm very excited to finally bring the NSC back to Reston for the first time in five years.

This year, we have 72 teams from representing 54 schools across 19 states and DC, with 8 of those schools being first-time NSC competitors. This year, we'll be continuing to use technology such as MODAQ and live stats to run the NSC in the most efficient way possible, and will be introducing new tournament management software to better manage games and keep the tournament moving along at a good pace.

The NSC would not be possible without the contributions and hard work of the PACE members working year-round to plan and organize this tournament and other PACE initiatives, and the dozens of staffers volunteering their time this weekend—please make sure to take every opportunity to thank your staff this weekend!

While it'd be impossible to thank everyone who contributed to making this NSC happen, I'd like to highlight some of the key folks who made this year's tournament possible.

Ben Weiner, our Tournament Director, continues to be one of the most thoughtful and hardworking people I know. His work on the NSC (and local Minnesota tournaments) is a feat in its own right, but to do it as well as he does while also being a full time student preparing to start medical school in the fall is genuinely mind-blowing to me. I'm beyond grateful to have been able to work with him the past few years both in and out of PACE.

Our VP of Event Management, Casey Bindas was one of the first people I staffed with after returning to quizbowl in 2020, and it's been such a privilege to get to work with him on the board the last few years as he's worked tirelessly to improve the player and staff experience at NSC and help us build more institutional knowledge in the EM space.

Ganon Evans has been our VP of Editing and the Head Editor for the NSC set for the past two years, having accepted a nomination to run for the position just days after joining PACE back in 2022. He brings an incredibly fresh and energizing perspective to both his set production and personal question writing, and I've loved seeing the sets he's produced for us.

I'd also like to thank the rest of the PACE Board—Michael Bentley, Sadie Britton, Victor Prieto, Jay Winter, and Ashish Kumbhardare—for all of their hard work this year; it's been a joy to get to work with such a thoughtful, talented, and passionate team. I'd especially like to thank Victor for his guidance, mentorship, and support the past couple years in helping me learn how best to run this organization.

Message from the President cont'd

June 8th, 2023

In addition to the folks who made this year's tournament possible, I'd like to highlight a few other people who have been recognized by PACE for going above and beyond both inside and outside of the quizbowl community: the winners of the Morgan Costa-Rhodes Memorial Scholarship and the Benjamin Cooper Academic Ambassador Awards.

The Morgan Costa-Rhodes Memorial Scholarship, established in 2017, is awarded annually to a graduating high school student who is active both in quizbowl and local community service. This year, PACE awarded the scholarship to Mary Curtis of Metro East Lutheran High School in Edwardsville, IL. We greatly admire Mary's dedication to quizbowl and passion for serving her community, and are excited to see all she'll accomplish at Concordia University Chicago this fall.

PACE also annually awards the Benjamin Cooper Academic Ambassador Award and Young Ambassador Award to members of the quizbowl community who truly embody the spirit of academic competition. This year, the Academic Ambassador Award recipient is Tracey Hickman of Murray State College and the Oklahoma Quiz Bowl Camp for his work tournament directing and pursuing pyramidal outreach in the state of Oklahoma. The Young Ambassador Award this year goes to PACE's very own Ben Weiner, for his work locally as a writer, TD, and logistician in the Minnesota circuit, and his invaluable service as PACE's Tournament Director for the past two years while still a student.

Since its founding in 1996, PACE has operated with the goal of improving high school quizbowl and making the community a better and more inclusive space for those passionate about the game. Thank you to all of the staff, players, coaches, and parents who've made this year of quizbowl possible. We on the PACE board are genuinely so excited to see all of you this weekend, and can't overstate how grateful we are to those of you who are finishing out your competition season here at the NSC. Thank you for your continued support of PACE, and I wish you all the best of luck as we prepare to award the 26th NSC title!



Mia McGill
President, Partnership for
Academic Competition Excellence

Health and Safety

Code of Conduct, COVID-19 Policy

NSC Code of Conduct

PURPOSE

The Partnership for Academic Competition Excellence is dedicated to providing a safe and harassment-free tournament experience for everyone. To achieve this goal, we expect all tournament participants, including staff, players, coaches, parents, and other spectators, to abide by this Code of Conduct. We expect participants to follow these guidelines for the duration of the tournament, both during games and at all other tournament-related venues and events.

EXPECTED BEHAVIOR

We expect all participants to treat other participants and the event space with respect and courtesy. Participants should be considerate of fellow participants' diverse backgrounds and perspectives. Participants should be mindful of fellow participants and their surroundings, and be proactive about reporting any potentially prohibited behavior or dangerous situations.

PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR

We do not tolerate harassment of tournament participants in any form. Harassment can take place through many media, including but not limited to: verbal comments, printed or written messages, and electronic messages.

Harassment includes, *but is not limited to*:

- offensive comments related to race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, physical appearance, body size, or religion
- deliberate intimidation
- stalking
- following
- unwanted photography or recording
- sustained disruption of games or other tournament events
- inappropriate physical contact
- unwelcome sexual attention
- sexual imagery and language in public spaces

CONSEQUENCES FOR PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR

If a participant engages in a prohibited behavior, the tournament director has discretion to take any action they deem appropriate, up to and including ejection from the tournament without refund. Consequences will be proportionate to the severity and frequency of the violation. If the prohibited behavior is in severe violation of the above list, PACE may prohibit attendance at future events. Tournament participants who are asked to stop any prohibited behavior are expected to comply immediately.

REPORTING PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR

If you are subject to or notice prohibited behavior at the tournament, or have any other concerns, please contact one of our misconduct reporting advocates immediately. They can also be identified in person with special nametags. The advocates will provide an anonymized report to the tournament organizers, who will determine what consequences (if any) are appropriate or if more information is required. The 2024 misconduct reporting advocates are:

Mia McGill (612.367.6303)

In-Person Location: Control Room (The Living Room)

Sadie Britton (908.461.8137)

In-Person Location: Info Desk

Ganon Evans (636.443.9934)

In-Person Location: Grand Ballroom C

There is also an online form that can be submitted to report misconduct.

Representatives from four major quizbowl groups (PACE, NAQT, ACF, and Discord) examine misconduct reports and provide anonymized statements to their respective organizations. However, if a report is submitted via the online form during the tournament weekend, it is unlikely that PACE will be able to take action before NSC concludes.

Tournament staff will be happy to help participants contact hotel/venue security or local law enforcement, provide escorts, or otherwise assist those experiencing harassment to feel safe for the duration of the tournament.

**Report any misconduct during the NSC
via the online misconduct reporting form or
to the misconduct advocates.**

COVID-19

Tournament Health and Safety Policies

For the 2024 NSC, participants and attendees are not required to present proof of COVID-19 vaccination. Participants are not required to submit a negative COVID test to attend NSC.

Masks are strongly encouraged for all attendees who are at risk of severe COVID-19 outcomes. PACE recommends the use of well-fitted N95, KN95, or KF-94 masks for protection.

For questions regarding any details of this policy, contact communications@pace-nsc.org.

Tournament Information

- Communication Station
- Tournament Format
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- Tiebreak Procedures
- Small School and JV Titles
- Sponsors
- 2025 NSC Announcement



This year's NSC shirt is available for purchase wherever you are!
pace-nsc.org/tshirt

Communication Station

Links to tournament websites and resources

For 2024 specific information, use the hashtag #nsc2024.

[2024 NSC Website](#)

[PACE NSC Twitter](#)

[Info Desk Twitter](#)

The most up-to-date information will be cross posted to the 2024 NSC website and the PACE NSC Twitter account, both linked above.

Questions about the tournament or if you otherwise need help

Follow or add to our social media coverage with **#nsc2024**.

[Live Stats](#)

[Tournament Timetable](#)

[Misconduct Reporting Form](#)

Live statistics during the tournament

Estimated timing of tournament events

Please report any concerning behavior, during or outside a match that may violate the NSC Code of Conduct.

Tournament Format

At the 2024 PACE NSC, there will be four stages of play:

I) Preliminaries, II) Playoffs, III) Superplayoffs and Placements, IV) Finals

Saturday

Stage I (Preliminaries) - Saturday Morning

Each team is assigned to one of 12 groups of 6 teams. Each team plays against the other teams in their group before a break for lunch after round 5. Each group will split into three tiers with the top two teams moving to Tier I, the middle two teams moving to Tier II, and the bottom two teams moving to Tier III. Between Stage I and Stage II, teams may be required to compete in tiebreaker gameplay if there is a tie in the group standings.

Stage II (Playoffs) - Saturday Afternoon

Each team is reassigned to one of 12 groups of 6 teams (four groups in Tier I, four groups in Tier II, four groups in Tier III) based on their performance in Stage I. At this point, there are 24 teams left in contention for the title. Teams will play against each of the other five teams in their group across five rounds. For Tier I: the top two teams in each bracket will move into the 1st-8th bracket, the middle two teams in each bracket will move into the 9th- 16th bracket and the bottom two teams will move into the 17th-24th bracket. This split is repeated in Tiers II and III such that nine placement brackets are formed.

Teams in Tier I may be required to compete in tiebreaker gameplay at this time.

Play resumes for all teams on Sunday morning.

Sunday

Stage III (Superplayoffs and Placements) - Sunday Morning

All teams play 6 games over 6 rounds (rounds 11-16). Each team will play the 6 teams they did not share a Stage II bracket with across 6 rounds. The round a team played during Stage II against an opponent in the same Stage III group will count for a team's Stage III record. At the beginning of this stage, 8 teams are in contention for the title.

Stage IV (Finals) - Sunday Afternoon

Upon the completion of Stage III, if the top team in the top group is two or more games ahead of the second place team in the top group, they have won the title and no finals series will be played. If the top team in the top group is a single game ahead of the second place team in the top group, an advantaged final will be played. If the top two teams are tied on record, a single game final will be played to determine the NSC national champion.

Game Rules

A game consists of 20 tossup-bonus cycles between two teams.

Tossups

Tossups are pyramidal questions designed to decrease in difficulty, as to reward players with greater knowledge. Players can buzz in at any time during or after the tossup. A player must begin giving an answer within 5 seconds of buzzing in. If no one has answered a tossup correctly within 5 seconds of its completion, the tossup goes dead and the next tossup is read.

A correct answer on a tossup is worth 20 points ("power") if the buzz is early in the tossup within a designated range of text; otherwise, it is worth 10 points.

An incorrect answer on a tossup receives no point deductions. However, the rest of that team is then locked out of answering that tossup.

Bonuses

After a team correctly answers a tossup, that team is awarded a 3-part bonus, with each bonus part worth 10 points. Bonuses can only be answered by that team ("the controlling team"). The controlling team will be prompted for an answer to each bonus part after 4 seconds, and must give their answer within 1 seconds after the moderator prompts the team for the answer.

If a bonus part goes unanswered by a team, the opposing team **does not** get the opportunity to answer (previously known as a "bounceback").

A score check will be performed after 10 tossup-bonus cycles. Teams have the opportunity to make substitutions at this time.

In the event of a tie after regulation play (i.e., 20 tossup-bonus cycles), the teams will play one or more additional sudden-death tossups until the first change in score occurs, at which point the team with the higher score is immediately declared the winner.

Tiebreak Procedures

At the 2024 PACE NSC, if teams in a group are tied in the standings at the end of a stage of play, their ranking will be determined by one of two procedures: Tiebreaker Matches or Points per Game (PPG).

Breaking Ties in Standings

Ties in record between teams advancing to the same tier (e.g., 1st and 2nd place) are broken by points per game (PPG) within that phase of the tournament. For rebracketing between Stages I and II and Stages II and III, ties between teams potentially advancing to different tiers (after Stage I), or different groups within Tier I (after Stage II) (e.g., 2nd and 3rd place) will be broken with minimatches. Between Stages III and IV, ties in the championship group are resolved with full-packet matches.

To ensure fairness, points scored in overtime of any game will not be considered in calculating PPG when breaking ties.

The procedures for resolving ties in standings across a variety of scenarios is detailed further on our website.

Minimatch Format

Minimatches are used for breaking ties in standings. All minimatches will follow standard PACE format (tossup/bonus with powers) with the following three changes:

1. The standard length is 10, rather than 20, tossup-bonus cycles.
2. If the minimatch is tied after cycle 10, it will proceed directly to sudden-death.
3. There is no halftime substitution opportunity; the only substitution opportunity is between cycle 10 and sudden-death if necessary.

[2024 Gameplay and Eligibility Rules](#)

Small School and JV Titles

PACE recognizes the top three Junior Varsity (JV) and Small School (SS) teams at the NSC.

Qualification

A Junior Varsity (JV) team is a teams without any players in 11th or 12th grade.

A small school (SS) is a school with fewer than 700 students in 10th through 12th grades that is a public school and has a non-selective admission policy.

Magnet schools are not excluded based on the non-selective admission policy; schools from systems where every school is a specialized center and students may choose to attend any are eligible.



Ranking

For each classification, if there is any eligible team in the top 16, the highest ranking eligible team will claim the title automatically. If there is no eligible team in the top 16, and the highest-ranked eligible team is six or more places ahead of the next-ranked team, they will win the title.

Otherwise, there will be an advantaged final after lunch. Teams that are in contention for the top three positions in these classifications will be alerted Saturday evening or at the start of Round 11 where to go.

Before lunch on Sunday, SS/JV teams that finish outside of the top 16 should send one team representative to the Info Desk to confirm whether they need to compete in SS/JV finals.

Round Sponsorships

Without [donations](#), the NSC would not be possible.
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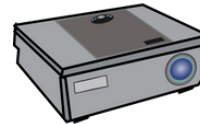
The 2025 NSC will take place on
June 7-8 at the Hyatt Regency
O'Hare Chicago in Rosemont, IL.



Please direct any questions regarding
the 2024-2025 season to PACE's
Director of Communications at
communications@pace-nsc.org.



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Awards and Events



- 2024 NSC Awards Ceremony
- Women in Quizbowl Social
- David Riley Conference
- Benjamin Cooper Academic Ambassador Awards
- Morgan Costa-Rhodes Memorial Scholarship

Plaques and Awards Ceremony

All teams are invited to spectate the finals and awards ceremony after regulation gameplay concludes on Sunday at ~4:15 PM in Grand Ballroom D.



Trophies

A teams will receive a trophy if they placed in the top 16 overall teams, or were in the top 3 JV or Small School teams.

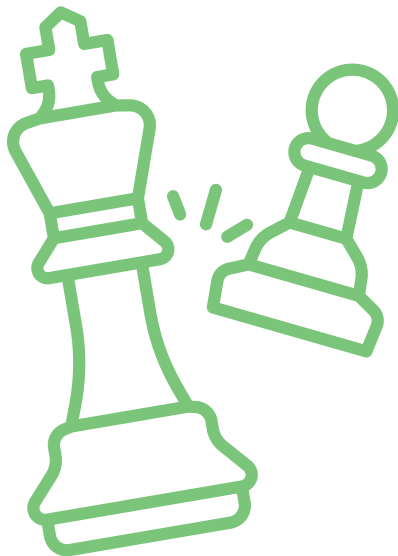
A short awards ceremony recognizing the top teams will take place upon the conclusion of the final round.

Women in Quizbowl Social

Friday, June 7, 2024, 6-9pm
Hyatt Regency Reston
Lake Fairfax A

PACE invites all NSC players, staffers, and coaches **who identify as women, other marginalized gender identities, and/or have the lived experience of being a woman in quizbowl**, to join us for a drop-in board games social on Friday evening concurrent with team check-in.

Light refreshments will be served.

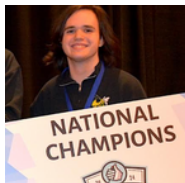


David Riley Coaches Conference

Saturday, June 8, 2024, 7-9pm
Hyatt Regency Reston
Lake Audubon (2nd Floor)

2024 Panelists

Moderator: **Benjamin Kirk** is a member of PACE and the former quizbowl coach at Ithaca High School in Ithaca, NY.



Benny Feldman (he/him)

Benny is a senior and captain at Hastings (NY), which is a relatively new team on the quizbowl scene. In quizbowl, he's dedicated himself to building a strong team at Hastings as well as introducing pyramidal quizbowl to the Hudson Valley circuit.



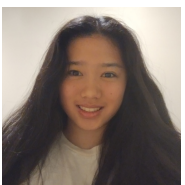
Ashish Kumbhardare (he/him)

Ashish played quizbowl at Penn State and Rowan University, where he recently started Rowan University's quizbowl team. Ashish currently serves as the Vice President of Technology at PACE, and helps out at tournaments around the Philadelphia area.



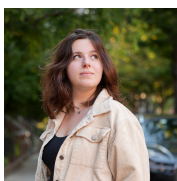
Tracey Hickman (he/him)

Tracey is the founding quizbowl coach at Murray State College; before that, he founded the team at Coalgate High School. Tracey is also the Director/Founder of Oklahoma Quizbowl Camp and chief organizer of pyramidal quizbowl events in Oklahoma. He played for Redlands Community College and the University of Central Oklahoma.



Abigail Lee (she/her)

Abigail is a high school quizbowl player at Thomas Jefferson (VA). She has been playing for 7 years and also serves as the tournament director for TJHSST Quizbowl.



Chloe Levine (she/her)

As player and eventual captain for Hunter College High School (NY), Chloe advocated for a safer and more inclusive quizbowl community, with a particular focus on preventing and addressing sexual and gender-based harassment. Her accomplishments include the report "[For 10 Points, Fix This Community](#)," an HSNCT championship (2017), and a nomination for Player of the Year (2018), and she has been a PACE member since 2018.



Sandy Olive (she/her)

In 2021, after her appearance on *Jeopardy!*, Sandy decided to bring the thrill of competitive knowledge to the kids at her school, Lindbergh High School (MO). After just three years, her kids brought home the Class 6 Missouri State Championship, and she couldn't be more proud of them.



Jeff Price (he/him)

Jeff is the quizbowl coach at Barrington High School (IL). He's been coaching middle and high school quizbowl teams since 1997, at a total of four buildings.



Eva Wang (she/her)

Eva is a recent graduate of the University of Missouri, where she led the quizbowl team for four years. She's a member of MOQBA, PACE, and ACF (sorta), co-founder of the Missouri Student Quizbowl Discord, and writer/editor for many sets.

**RSVP &
submit questions to the panel here.**

About David Riley

The conference is named in memory of David Riley, a longtime coach at Loyola Academy in Wilmette, IL who coached Team Illinois to represent the state at both the Panasonic Championship and NASAT. In addition to coaching, he was heavily involved in the Illinois High School Scholastic Bowl Coaches Association for many years, serving as president and on the steering committee.

Riley remained committed to quizbowl even as his health declined, serving as a member of PACE and volunteering at national tournaments until shortly before his passing in 2015. David left a substantial impact upon both quizbowl in Illinois and everyone he met, leaving very warm impressions on those with whom he interacted.

Benjamin Cooper Awards

Recognizing individuals and organizations whose above-and-beyond contributions to the quizbowl community embody, by example, the ideals of academic competition.

The Benjamin Cooper Awards will be presented during the opening meeting on the morning of Saturday, June 8.



Tracey Hickman

PACE is proud to present the 2024 Benjamin Cooper Academic Ambassador Award to Tracey Hickman, of Murray State College and the Oklahoma Quiz Bowl Camp in Tishomingo, OK, for his tireless tournament direction and outreach to expand pyramidal quizbowl in the state of Oklahoma.

Ben Weiner

PACE is proud to present the 2024 Benjamin Cooper Young Ambassador Award to Ben Weiner of the University of Minnesota, for his work as a writer, tournament director, and logistics coordinator for quizbowl in Minnesota. We also thank Ben for his service as a PACE officer and TD of the 2023 and 2024 NSCs, while still a college student and recent graduate.



The Cooper Awards are named in honor of **Benjamin Cooper**, a student at Georgetown Day School who had been named captain of GDS's quizbowl team prior to his untimely death on August 12, 1997. The Academic Ambassador Award has been awarded every year since PACE's founding; the Young Ambassador Award has been presented since 2004.

Morgan Costa-Rhodes Memorial Scholarship

A one-time \$2,000 scholarship awarded annually by a committee of PACE members to a high school senior with a demonstrated interest in quizbowl and a record of community service.



Mary Curtis

Mary Curtis is a graduating senior at Metro East Lutheran High School in Edwardsville, IL. Mary will enroll at Concordia University Chicago this fall with plans to study political science.

Mary's quizbowl coach, Shanna Covarrubias, says, "She is one of the very best players our state has to offer!" Mary was named to the 2024 IHSSBCA Class A All-State First Team and was integral to her team's impressive showings at Illinois state championship tournaments-- 4th place at 2022 IHSA State, 2nd in the Small Schools division of the 2023 NAQT state championship, and winning 2022 Masonic State.

Mary's dedication to bettering her community shows in her service involvement. She volunteers for every event she can at her church, including playing the organ at services and with Vacation Bible School. As a member of the National Honor Society, she also organizes peer tutoring, donation drives, and a Red Cross blood drive, to name a few. Mary thanks Ms. Covarrubias and her family-- especially her brother Silas --for getting her into quizbowl and supporting her the whole way.

Morgan Costa-Rhodes made the most of her time in life. This scholarship serves to commemorate her spirit as a philanthropist, an intellectual force, and a person who was just all-around happy to be here.

During her short time at Parkersburg High School, Morgan achieved success in every area in which she was involved. In addition to serving as President of her school's Philosophy Club, Morgan was an active member of both the Debate team and Thespian Troupe #264.

As a member of Parkersburg High School A, Morgan worked with her teammates to become West Virginia's state Quiz Bowl champions in 2011.

She was also an artist; Morgan's art was selected as the winner of the Young Authors Festival's cover art contest for their annual publication. Serving as artist for PHS's journalism staff, she also drew the design used for her thespian troupe's t-shirts, made especially for their performance of Alice in Wonderland.

Directory

Quizbowl Resources

Participating Teams

Past NSC Champions

Quizbowl Resources

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Quizbowl Packet Archive

A free archive of tens of thousands of questions from almost every quizbowl tournament since the 1990s. Question sets are organized chronologically and divided into “Middle School,” “High School,” and “Collegiate” sections.

This is the ultimate source for practice material for both team practices and for motivated individual players who want to learn new clues and see what comes up. If you’re a novice player, click on the “novice questions” link for some good intro-level questions.

SCOP Study Guides

A series of study guides probably most appropriate for beginning teams and players (and good for middle schoolers of all levels as well).

Once you’ve mastered these, move on to the NAQT “You Gotta Know” Lists for more of a challenge. Keep in mind, however, that study guides are only starting points; your goal should be not just to memorize the key points for each entry, but to use that as a jumping-off point for more learning.

QB Reader

A searchable and browsable database of quizbowl questions that is useful for finding questions about a certain subject, from a certain question set, or at a certain difficulty. Has been recently updated with new questions and a new interface.

Very useful to learn how old questions have been constructed around various topics to help “quizbowl-ify” your factual knowledge of a topic. Just start searching for topics or specific potential answers/clues that interest you and see what comes up.

PACE Coaching Hotline

A coaching hotline for new coaches with any coaching-related questions. Submit questions to the hotline at coaching@pace-nsc.org.

PACE Articles & Resources

A collection of resources that PACE sponsors and supports to help quizbowl programs develop and improve, including articles about basic information about quizbowl, advice for improving, tips on running successful tournaments, as well as guides for how to play, coach, staff, and run online tournaments.

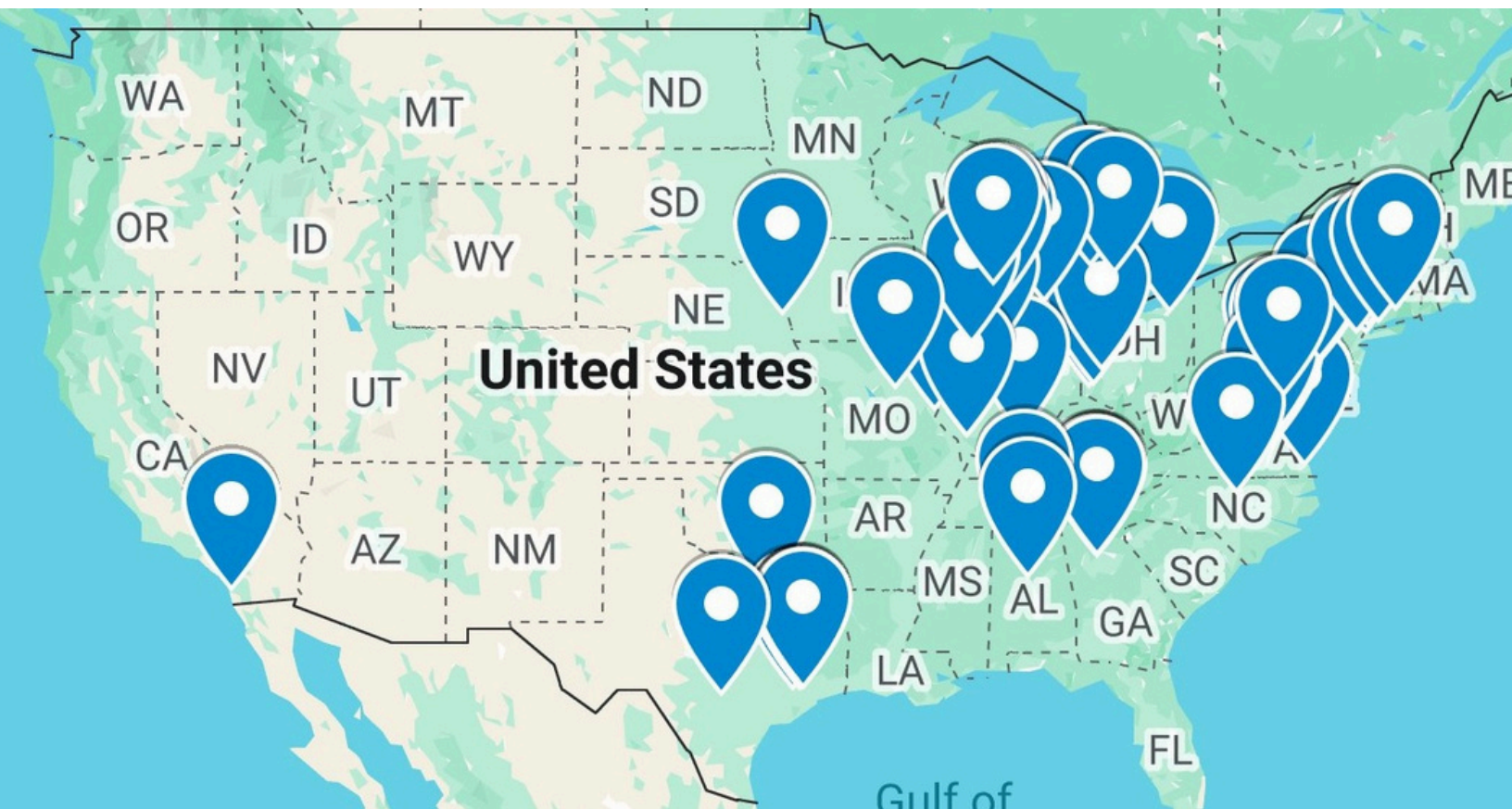
Participating Teams

72 quizbowl teams, including:

3 small school teams

4 Junior Varsity teams

54 distinct schools from **19** states (and Washington, D.C.)



each map pin represents a distinct school

Team Directory

listed alphabetically by school name

Alabama School of
Cyber Technology
and Engineering
Huntsville, AL

Tate Osborne, Junior
Leo Osborne, Freshman
Coach: Robin Osborne

Barrington
High School A
Barrington, IL

Charles Young, Senior, Columbia
Rohan Kher, Senior, UC Berkeley
Kaushik Gollamudi, Senior, Northwestern
Lynda Ma, Sophomore
Flora Shen, Freshman
Coach: Jeffrey Price

Beavercreek
Dayton, OH

Aryan Desarapu, Senior, University of Michigan
Abigail Cutugno, Junior
Aditya Patnaik, Senior, The Ohio State University
Anna Kuang, Senior, Cornell
Coach: Christin Martins

Belmont
Belmont, MA

Andrew Gao, Freshman
Gregory Zeldovich, Freshman
Julian Halpern-Smith, Senior, Northeastern
Krikor Hachikian, Senior, Brown

Bloomington High
School
Bloomington, IL

Soren Gjesfjeld, Senior, St. Olaf
Andrea Schirano, Junior
Ansel Lollar, Senior, Heartland Community College
Finn Higgins, Sophomore
Levi Donahoo, Sophomore
Coach: Tom Waterson

Canyon Crest Academy
San Diego, CA

Yaj Jhajria, Senior, University of Washington
Andrew Tsui, Senior, UCLA
Alex Xu, Senior, Caltech
Claire Wang, Junior
Coach: Brian Shay

Carbondale
Community High
School
Carbondale, IL

Ryan Dai, Sophomore
Theodor Martin, Senior, Washington University in St. Louis
Danial Pitalfi, Senior, Princeton
Dillon Robertson, Senior, John A. Logan College
Coach: Sharon Lorinskas

Carl Sandburg
Orland Park, IL

Brandon Torres, Junior
Zee Ebert, Senior, Virginia Tech
Ayaan Ghori, Sophomore
Coaches: Jeff Brigham, Mike Woolley, Olivia Parker

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Chattahoochee High
School
Johns Creek, GA

Ibrahim Mohammad, Senior, Augusta University
Arhith Dharanendra, Senior, Georgia Tech
Akilan Ganesan, Junior
Keefer Lin, Junior
Coach: Michael Mathis

Cincinnati Hills
Christian Academy
Cincinnati, OH

Clete Reinberger, Senior, Valencia College
Will Treadway, Senior, Yale
Noah McRedmond, Senior, Notre Dame
Micah Wissman, Senior, Virginia Tech
Coach: Tim Hilderbrand

Choate Rosemary
Hall
Wallingford, CT
Junior Varsity

Sky Hong, Sophomore

Detroit Catholic
Central A
Novi, MI

Nick Murray, Junior
Jacob Bart, Junior
Ben Yancey, Junior
Chris Goolsby, Junior
Coach: Benjamin Herman

Detroit Catholic
Central B
Novi, MI

Dominic Apap, Senior, University of Michigan
Benjamin Towne, Junior
Dylan Cregar, Junior
Philip Calabrese, Sophomore
Coach: Christopher Gismondi

Detroit Catholic
Central C
Novi, MI
Junior Varsity

Joseph Harrison, Sophomore
Christian Curtis, Sophomore
Brady Shih, Sophomore
Saathvik Koneru, Freshman
Coach: Anthony Cornish

Downingtown STEM A
Downingtown, PA

Ryan Smith, Junior
Mihir Subramaniam, Junior
Ameya Bhalerao, Sophomore
Coach: Stephen DiRomualdo

DuPage County
Academic Team
Hinsdale, IL

Abigail AuYeung, Junior
Charlie Doehring, Junior
Alex Zhang, Freshman

Durham Academic
Team
Durham, NC

Allen Xu, Senior, Georgia Tech
Adrian Tejada, Junior
Aaron Castelino, Junior
Spencer Thomas, Junior
Coach: Layla Aldousany

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Elkhorn North High
School
Omaha, NE

Charlie Bork, Senior, University of Nebraska at Lincoln
Saral Sapkota, Junior
Nolan King, Junior
Ben Cervania, Junior
Joslyn Smith, Junior
Brandon Wiltse, Junior
Coach: Melissa Peterson

Fairfield County
Academic Team
Darien, CT

Rajiv Pujara, Junior
Maya Pujara, Sophomore

Freeman High School
Henrico, VA

Anuj Damle, Junior
Matthew Wozniak, Junior
John Thrower, Freshman
James Grey, Junior
Amber Park, Junior
Atticus Lockerman, Freshman
Coach: Orien Altman

Georgetown Day
School
Washington, DC

Ben Hellman, Junior
Luke Fedorchak, Senior, William & Mary
Haughton Neppel, Freshman
Henry Fragale, Sophomore
Lomahn Sun, Sophomore
Coach: Randy Neppel

Great Valley
Malvern, PA

Brighton Risch, Senior, Yale
Travis Johnson, Junior
Colin O'Neill, Junior
Rajvir Purohit, Sophomore
Atharva Singh, Freshman
Nikhil Kotikalapudi, Senior
Coach: Bern McCauley

Hastings
Hastings-on-Hudson, NY
Small School

Benny Feldman, Senior, University of Chicago
Hazel DePriest-Sullivan, Senior, Bard College
Owen Linder, Senior, SUNY Binghamton
Jacob Goldman-Wetzler, Senior, Brown

Heights High School
Houston, TX

Bryce Cruise, Senior, UT-Austin
Owen Gibbs, Senior, Boston College
Brayden Ferrell, Junior
James Allen, Freshman
Hollis Cruise, Freshman
Coach: Mark Johnson

Hoover High School A
Hoover, AL

Jakub Hel, Senior
Isaac McCollum, Senior
Stephen McCollum, Senior
Krish Nathan, Freshman
Coach: Anthony Hamley

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Hoover High School B
Hoover, AL

Sonny Bracamontes, Sophomore
Keith De La Rosa, Senior, University of Alabama at Birmingham
Aiden Dombrosky, Senior, Auburn University
Miley Henton, Junior
Coach: Tim Caine

Hunter A
New York, NY

Matthew Kohn, Senior, Williams
Fahian Joy, Senior, Amherst
Maggie Sun, Junior
Evan Schleck, Junior
Coach: Caitlin Samuel

Hunter B
New York, NY

Jun Lowenhar, Junior
Samuel Shottles, Freshman
Walker Varghese, Freshman
Romir Mukherjee, Freshman
Coach: Caitlin Samuel

Innovation Academy A
Alpharetta, GA

Adhav Ravikumar, Senior, Georgia Tech
Varun Venkatagiri, Senior, University of Georgia
Krish Chinta, Junior
Lucas Ardelean, Junior
Coach: Lawrence McGillicuddy

Innovation Academy B
Alpharetta, GA

Matt Serfontein, Senior, University of North Georgia
Jack Mangrum, Junior
Shaun Iyer, Freshman
Nathan Bai, Freshman
Coach: Lawrence McGillicuddy

James W. Robinson
Secondary
Fairfax, VA

Thomas Glotfelty, Senior, Virginia Tech
Jack Larmoyeux, Senior, University of Virginia
Jacob Koewler, Junior
Noah Collins, Sophomore
Coaches: Sandy Glotfelty, Michael Campana

Johns Creek A
Johns Creek, GA

Rohan Dalal, Senior, Georgia Tech
Jeffrey Xu, Senior, Georgia Tech
Kevin Wang, Senior, Georgia Tech
Edward Kim, Sophomore
Coach: Santhi Prabahar

Johns Creek B
Johns Creek, GA

Michelle Luo, Junior
Danny Shapiro, Junior
Aakash Sanjay, Senior, Purdue
Hayden Qi, Sophomore
Moses Dong, Junior
Coach: Santhi Prabahar

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Kinkaid
Houston, TX

Cole Hartung, Senior, Georgetown
Ali Hamzeh, Junior
Coach: Richard Parr

Lambert
Suwanee, GA

Manu Sankaran, Junior
Sanjay Shanmuga Perumal, Junior
Tejas Kohli, Junior
Pranav Srambikkal, Junior
Coaches: Jolie Creuser, Benjamin Roper

Lightridge High School
Aldie, VA

Natalija Ducich, Senior, MIT
Kevin Jacob, Junior
Janani Gollapalli, Sophomore
Andrew Martin, Sophomore
Phoebe Lau, Sophomore
Liam Schumacher, Sophomore
Coach: Matthew Crisp, Angela Deady

Lindbergh High School
St. Louis, MO

Aiva Rudolph, Senior, University of Missouri
Alec West, Senior, Syracuse University
Cindy Yao, Senior, Washington University
Vidur Kothur, Junior
Thomas Donelon, Junior
Hung Nguyen, Senior, University of Missouri
Coach: Sandra Olive

Livingston High School
A
Livingston, NJ

Robert Wang, Junior
Sophia Wu, Senior, Rutgers University
Kevin Zhang, Junior
Lelun Li, Junior
Coaches: Guy Rabner, Brynn Smith

Livingston High School
B
Livingston, NJ

Arav Kaushik, Sophomore
Harish Lolla, Junior
Ethan Liu, Sophomore
Jack Liu, Sophomore
Benjamin Laskov, Sophomore
Benjamin Silversten, Junior

Maggie Walker A
Richmond, VA

Sam McNamee, Senior, Notre Dame
Timothy Porter, Senior, Virginia Commonwealth University
Yash Saxena, Senior, UC-Berkeley
Risshi Naavaal, Senior, University of Virginia
Coaches: Drew Austin, Juanita Lasswell, Adam Rochte

Maggie Walker B
Richmond, VA

Brenden Stremmer, Junior
Liam Reed, Senior, William & Mary
Bharathi Kancharla, Senior, University of Virginia
Devesh Kumar, Senior, Brown
Coaches: Drew Austin, Juanita Lasswell, Adam Rochte

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Maggie Walker C
Richmond, VA

Nate Stewart, Senior, Tufts
David Lins, Sophomore
Katie Watson, Junior
Bladen Kidd, Freshman
Amanda Campbell, Junior
Coaches: Drew Austin, Juanita Lasswell, Adam Rochte

McLean High School A
McLean, VA

Sam Cohen, Sophomore
Edward Burros, Sophomore
Ryan McKenzie, Junior
Fern Fang, Junior
Coach: Jeff Brockett

McLean High School B
McLean, VA

Aaron Lin, Freshman
Raghav Kuruba, Freshman
Andrew Evans, Senior, Dartmouth
Carter Pisocky, Senior, University of Michigan
Coaches: Jeff Brockett, Lindsay Benedict

Mexico High School
Mexico, MO
Small School

Ash Frederickson, Senior, Missouri Science & Technology
Camden Williams, Junior
Carter Blackburn, Junior
Dylan Reid, Junior
Lucita Gleeson, Junior
Coach: Dale Schenewerk

Norfolk Academic
Guild
Norfolk, VA

Eli Casey, Sophomore
Owen Wagner, Junior
Percy Wheatley, Senior
Myles Breguet, Sophomore
Coach: Maryann Casey

Northmont High
School A
Clayton, OH

Adam Williams, Senior, Wright State
Ave Rieger, Senior, Georgetown
Ryan Fitzgerald, Senior, University of Cincinnati
Ethan Kral, Junior
Coach: David Jones

Northmont High
School B
Clayton, OH

Bridget Scranton, Senior, The Ohio State University
Russell Dillak, Junior
Kevin Adler, Junior
Nathan Haley, Junior
Coach: David Jones

Okemos High School
Okemos, MI

Alex Zhang, Junior
Kevin Baek, Junior
Daniel Leung, Sophomore
Rishabh Mahale, Sophomore
Coach: Andrew Floyd

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Owensboro High
School
Owensboro, KY

Beckett Gilmore, Senior, University of Louisville
Landon Block, Junior
Kaden Blankenship, Junior
Orion Brey, Junior
Coaches: Adam Pryor, Jason Gaynor

Richard Montgomery A
Rockville, MD

Nam Dang, Freshman
Rachel Ezrielev, Senior, Georgetown
Josh Fan, Senior, Georgetown
Andrew Zhao, Sophomore
Coach: Nathaniel Mason

Richard Montgomery B
Rockville, MD

Michelle Yu, Senior, Emory
Jaden Bandy, Senior, Rutgers
William Shi, Junior
Andrew Jiang, Junior
Anthony Lau, Sophomore
Coach: Nathaniel Mason

St. Joseph High School
South Bend, IN

Thomas Belcher, Senior
Teddy Berente, Junior
Cormac Kennedy, Junior
William Thain, Senior
Coaches: Ben Dillon, Mary Kate Lamp

Seven Lakes High
School
Katy, TX

Ozan Demiroglu, Senior, Emory
Keerthana Krishnan, Senior, UT-Austin
Aditya Khambekar, Sophomore
Andy Truong, Sophomore
Coach: Aletha Fager

Solon
Solon, OH

Varun Sathyajeeth, Senior, The Ohio State University
Angela Sun, Junior
Wyatt Johnson, Junior
Coach: Peter Bergman

St. Thomas High
School
Houston, TX

Campbell Brown, Senior, University of Texas
Aidan Clark, Senior, University of Texas
Nicolas Borin, Senior
Zacariah Hart, Sophomore
Charlie Bartley, Sophomore
Coach: Coach Erickson

St. Mark's
Dallas, TX

Aditya Shivaswamy, Senior, Johns Hopkins
Sohum Sukhatankar, Senior, Harvard
Arnav Lahoti, Senior, UT-Austin
Ethan Bostia, Senior, Stanford
Vardhan Agnihotri, Senior, University of Pennsylvania
Coaches: Paul Mlakar, Shane May

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St. Xavier High School
Cincinnati, OH

Aaron Bullions, Senior, Vanderbilt
Timothy Chiu, Senior, Northwestern
Luke Faircloth, Junior
Henry Joecken, Sophomore
Vikas Kothari, Senior, Northwestern
Vince Palermo, Junior
Coaches: Nora Denning, Jennifer Donahue

Adlai E. Stevenson A
Lincolnshire, IL

Hari Veginati, Junior
Jingyi Wu, Sophomore
Kevin Yang, Junior
Ethan Wang, Freshman
Coach: Brian Oberhauser

Adlai E. Stevenson B
Lincolnshire, IL

Eeshan Gudapati, Freshman
Jonathan Tao, Junior
Joseph Gleyzer, Sophomore
Lylian Zhu, Sophomore
Coach: Brian Oberhauser

Strake Jesuit
Houston, TX

Justin Wang, Junior
Max Chen, Junior
Michael Rodriguez, Junior
Khang Le, Sophomore
Coach: Max Maier

Thomas Jefferson A
Alexandria, VA

Deven Hagen, Junior
Chris Yoo, Senior, William & Mary
Aaryan Sumesh, Junior
Ryan Zhang, Senior, Carnegie Mellon
Angela Yan, Freshman
Hrishi Bhooma, Sophomore
Coach: Julia Fu

Thomas Jefferson B
Alexandria, VA

Abigail Lee, Junior
Grace Liu, Senior, NYU
Alec Riso, Senior, Cornell
Anthony Zhao, Sophomore
Eshaan Sombhatta, Freshman
Aarya Bharath, Junior
Coach: Julia Fu

Thomas Jefferson C
Alexandria, VA

Samuel Li, Senior, William & Mary
Alan Fan, Senior, University of Washington
Aarushi Kanigicherla, Sophomore
Anthony Xu, Junior
Mohan Parthasarathy, Freshman
Justin Yuan, Freshman
Coach: Julia Fu

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Thomas Jefferson D
Alexandria, VA
Junior Varsity

Rohan Singh, Sophomore
Sophia Guo, Sophomore
Matthew Ryan, Sophomore
Nathan Liang, Freshman
Coach: Julia Fu

University of Illinois
Laboratory
Urbana, IL

Ben Newman, Junior
David Black, Junior
Jonathan Ouyang, Junior
Shawn Syed, Senior
Coaches: Kaila Simpson, Cyndi Smyser

Walter Payton A
Chicago, IL

Addison Baker, Senior, University of Rochester
Karl Barnickol, Senior, Northwestern
Jacob Hansen, Senior, Brown
Matias Roa, Senior, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Coach: Mark Taylor

Walter Payton B
Chicago, IL

Ethan Hillstrom, Senior, McGill
Connolly Nugent, Sophomore
Joshua Studee, Senior, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Leo Xiao, Senior, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Coach: Mark Taylor

West Point
Cullman, AL
Small School

Brodie Henry, Junior
Sean Harbison, Sophomore
Brady Laughlin, Sophomore
John Davis Yovino, Junior
Eli Taylor, Junior
Coach: Lee Henry

William Fremd
Palatine, IL

Omkar Marathe, Junior
Pranav Aiyar, Senior, Northwestern
Dwij Bhatt, Senior, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Anvith Vanukuri, Junior

Winston Churchill A
Potomac, MD

Alvin Guo, Senior, University of Chicago
Kevin Peng, Senior, Cornell
Tyler Song, Junior
Aaron Zhou, Sophomore
Coach: Ian Vickery

Winston Churchill B
Potomac, MD
Junior Varsity

Allen Chang, Sophomore
Ulden Gao, Sophomore
Andrew Li, Sophomore
Colette Kendrick, Sophomore
Coach: Ian Vickery

Past NSC Champions

1998

29 teams at Case Western Reserve University

- 1) **State College**
- 2) Henry Ford II
- 3/4) Copley, Gonzaga

1999

22 teams at The University of Pennsylvania

- 1) **State College**
- 2) Rockville
- 3/4) Eleanor Roosevelt, Detroit Catholic Central

2000

16 teams at Furman University

- (1) **State College**
- (2) Eisenhower
- (3/4) Dorman, Riverdale

2001

22 teams at Bowling Green State University

- 1) **State College**
- 2) Georgetown Day
- 3/4) Detroit Catholic Central, Detroit Country Day

2002

40 teams at George Washington University

- 1) **Richard Montgomery**
- 2) Detroit Catholic Central
- 3/4) Eleanor Roosevelt, Detroit Country Day

2003

27 teams at Case Western Reserve University

- 1) **Dorman**
- 2) Thomas Jefferson
- 3/4) Detroit Catholic Central, Dunbar

2004

40 teams at the University of Maryland

- (1) **Maggie Walker**
- (2) State College
- (3) St. John's, Richard Montgomery

2005

31 teams at Valencia Community College

- (1) **Thomas Jefferson A**
- (2) Richard Montgomery
- (3/4) Mission San Jose, Thomas Jefferson B

2006

29 teams at the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics

- (1) **Raleigh Charter**
- (2) Richard Montgomery
- (3/4) State College, Maggie Walker

2007

36 teams at the University of Michigan

- 1) **Maggie Walker**
- 2) Martin Luther King
- 3) Dorman
- 4) Thomas Jefferson

2008

48 teams at George Mason University

- (1) **Walt Whitman**
- (2) Thomas Jefferson
- (3/4) Dorman, Wilmington Charter

2009

64 teams at George Mason University

- 1) **Wilmington Charter**
- 2) State College
- 3/4) Georgetown Day School, Maggie Walker

**Third and fourth place were not distinguished before 2009.
For 1998 to 2008, both teams listed should be considered semifinalists of equal standing.*

2010

64 teams at George Mason University

- 1) **State College**
- 2) Henry Ford II
- 3) Copley
- 4) Gonzaga

2011

60 teams at Northwestern University

- 1) **State College**
- 2) Henry Ford II
- 3) Copley
- 4) Gonzaga

2012

60 teams at Washington University in St. Louis

- 1) **Hunter A**
- 2) Bellarmine
- 3) Centennial
- 4) IMSA A

2013

72 teams at the University of Maryland

- 1) **Ladue**
- 2) LASA A
- 3) Loyola Academy
- 4) Dorman A

2014

96 teams in Reston, VA

- 1) **LASA A**
- 2) Western Albemarle
- 3) St. John's
- 4) Ladue

2015

96 teams in Reston, VA

- 1) **Detroit Catholic Central**
- 2) LASA
- 3) Maggie Walker
- 4) High Tech

2016

96 teams in Rosemont, IL

- 1) **LASA**
- 2) Adlai E. Stevenson High School
- 3) Thomas Jefferson
- 4) Hinsdale Central

2017

96 teams in Rosemont, IL

- 1) **Detroit Catholic Central**
- 2) Westview
- 3) Barrington
- 4) Thomas Jefferson

2018

96 teams in Reston, VA

- 1) **Thomas Jefferson**
- 2) Dublin Scioto
- 3) Wayzata A
- 4) Taylor

2019

96 teams in Reston, VA

- 1) **Thomas Jefferson**
- 2) James E. Taylor
- 3) University Lab
- 4) Montgomery Blair A

2020

Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic

2021

80 teams competed virtually

- 1) **Thomas Jefferson A**
- 2) Hunter A
- 3) St. Marks (TX)
- 4) Richard Montgomery A

2022

72 teams in Rosemont, IL

- 1) **Lambert**
- 2) Thomas Jefferson A
- 3) Kinkaid
- 4) Strake Jesuit

2023

72 teams in Rosemont, IL

- 1) **Barrington A**
- 2) Thomas Jefferson A
- 3) Hunter A
- 4) Belmont

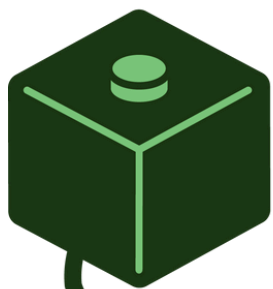
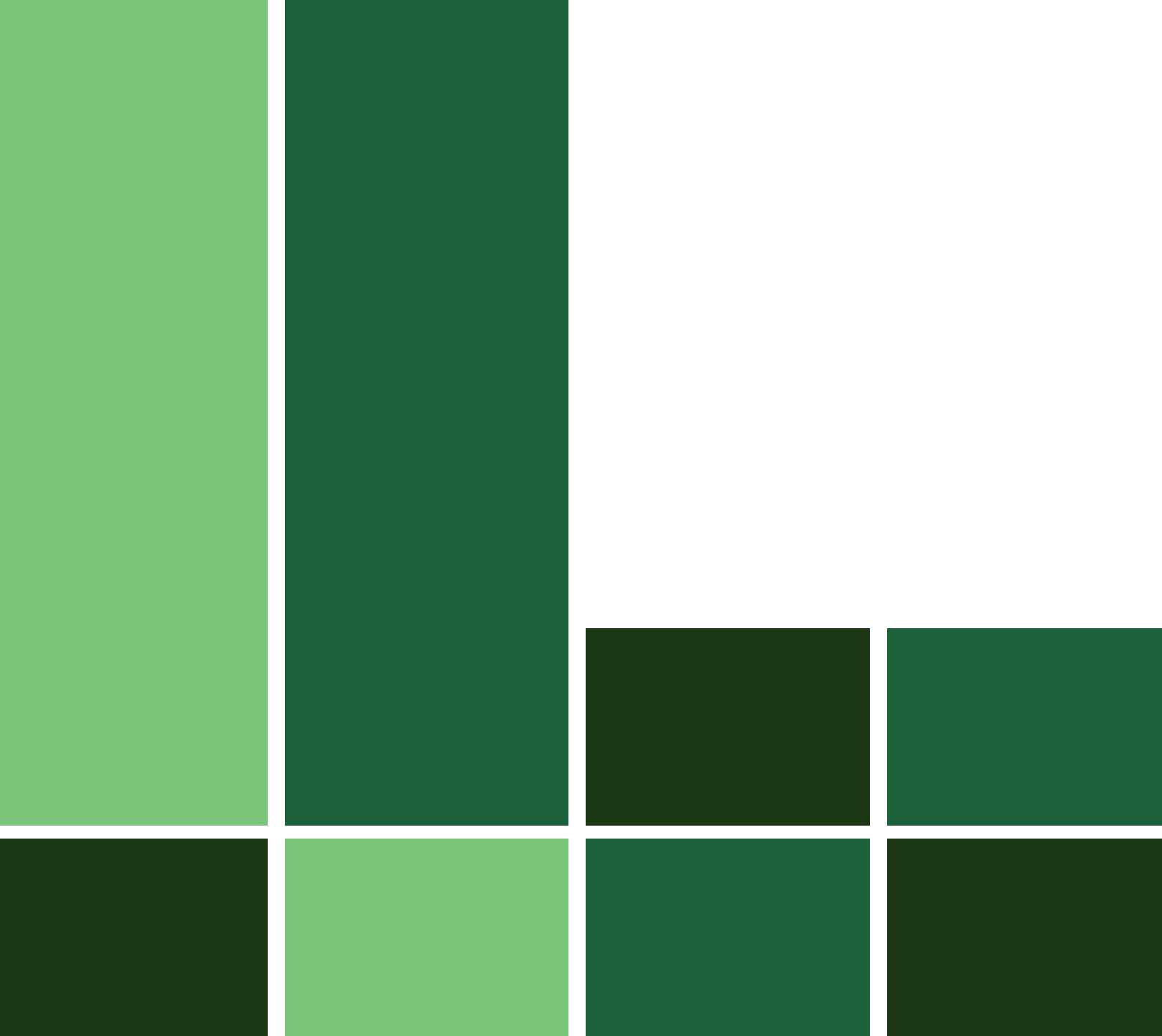
Congratulations to the winners of the 2023 NSC!



Barrington High School A Barrington, IL

Charles Young, Rohan Kher, Michael Karpov, Colin Stewart, Aarya Singh

Coach: Jeffrey Price



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