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Fifth Annual Academic WorldQuest High School Trivia Competition To Be Held Tomorrow, November 10

The World Affairs Council of Jacksonville is pleased to announce that the fifth annual Academic WorldQuest competition will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009. Members of the media are invited to attend. This event will be at the University of North Florida's University Center from 5:30 until 9:30 pm., with students throughout the area competing (Duval, Clay, Nassau and St. Johns Counties represented) and record attendance expected (15 schools participating and 26 teams competing). Participating schools include Bartram Trail, Bishop Snyder, Bolles, Episcopal, Fletcher, Mandarin, Nathan B. Forrest, Nease, Paxon, Ponte Vedra High, Ribault, Ridgeview, Stanton, Wolfson and Yulee High. Each team consists of four to six students who compete against other local high school teams to determine which team has the broadest and deepest knowledge of international issues, economics, politics, foreign policy, geography and interesting demographic facts. The winning team will represent our Council at the national competition held in Washington, D.C. in April, 2010. A team from Stanton College Preparatory School represented the Council in 2009.

Here is what Frank Bunton, Social Studies Chair for Stanton and the team's sponsor, had to say about the experience:

"WorldQuest is a simple idea creatively implemented. The students had a blast, from the first questions around dinner tables at UNF to the national competition in Washington - the cherry blossoms in bloom, the majestic Lincoln and moving Vietnam memorials at night, making friends quickly with Team Hawaii, great food and rooms at L'Enfant Plaza, and of course the challenge and fun of competing against some of America's best schools. The World Affairs Council, both locally and in D.C., deserves much recognition for their organization of this premier event for high school students."

Please see the attached fact sheet to view the details of the evening.

The World Affairs Council of Jacksonville is a non-partisan, nonprofit organization devoted to promoting understanding of world affairs by sponsoring public programs for all ages, fostering discussion of international issues and opportunities, and providing a venue for people to meet others with similar interests. Our mission is to promote an understanding of the world and its people and to engage citizens of Northeast Florida in becoming informed participants in the global community.