



Press Release

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Fourth Annual Academic WorldQuest: High School Trivia Competition

The World Affairs Council of Jacksonville is pleased to announce that the fourth annual Academic WorldQuest competition will take place on Thursday, Nov. 20, 2008. 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 8:30 pm. Twenty-two teams will be competing from 12 area high schools (Bishop Kenny, Episcopal, Mandarin, Nathan B. Forrest, Nease, Paxon, Ponte Vedra High, Ribault, Ridgeview, Robert E. Lee, Stanton 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, 2009. A team from Stanton College Preparatory School represented the Council in 2008.

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.

As one of the most prestigious citizen forums in Northeast Florida, the World Affairs Council of Jacksonville is a non-profit, non-partisan, educational organization devoted to engaging the community in discussions about global issues of today and tomorrow. Our mission is to promote understanding of the world and its people and to enable citizens to become informed participants in the global community. Membership is open to civic-minded and internationally-minded members of the First Coast Community.