ACADEMIC BOWL
CENTRAL REGIONAL

FEBRUARY 22–26, 2021
VIRTUAL COMpetition
OPEN PROGRAM BOOK

GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY
YOUTH PROGRAMS
## February

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Greetings from the University President

Greetings!

My family and I wish to extend our congratulations to each of you for having been chosen to represent your school or program to compete in this exciting and prestigious academic competition.

Gallaudet University is proud to sponsor this important academic competition, our second ever online competition. This year’s format may be different, but the goal of the Academic Bowl competition remains the same: to provide deaf and hard of hearing students the opportunity to pursue academic excellence in an exciting competition that encourages broad knowledge and promotes sportsmanship.

There is no other place like Gallaudet University in the world. Here, you can connect with other deaf and hard of hearing students from all over the globe and see the beauty of our language, our people, and our community. You will discover things about yourself and your preferred field of study. After making those discoveries, you will go out in the world and have the opportunity to influence your field of study, your workplace, and the deaf and hard of hearing community at large.

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to Jesse Saunders, Director of Youth Programs, and Casey Johnson-Pasqua, Youth Programs Specialist. They adapted quickly to the past year’s rapidly changing situation, and worked tirelessly to make this online competition a possibility for all of you. Congratulations to you, and to your families and schools.

Let’s stay socially connected while keeping physically distant. We are all in this together. Stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Roberta J. Cordano
President

Greetings from the Youth Programs Specialist

EMERGENCY MEETING!

I am excited to report all of the occurrences that have been reported for the 2021 Central Regional competition!

You, one of the crewmates, have been so busy focusing on performing your tasks of obtaining victory in the tournament bracket. Working with your other crewmates, it is not an easy feat. Reading the questions, discussing with your crewmates, double checking on each other’s spelling, and putting it into a vote of agreeing on the correct answer in hopes of not getting the imposter answer in a short amount of time. With the ultimatum task of obtaining victory at the end of the tournament bracket, all of the teams have vented throughout the week in a blink of an eye unlike waiting for the documents to finish scanning in the Admin room. At the end, six teams have found their victory. Congratulations!

I want to thank all of you, players, coaches, and the Youth Programs team consisting of the Academic Bowl Executive, Youth Programs Ambassadors, and the Youth Programs office for staying connected to Academic Bowl from different areas of the country.

GG! Stay safe and healthy! Don’t forget to mask up!

Sincerely,

Casey Johnson-Pasqua
Youth Programs Specialist
Meet our Youth Programs Team

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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Florida School for the Deaf
and the Blind
St. Augustine, FL
(FSDB)
L to R: Left to right: Geoffrey Porter
(10), Daniel Pletenet (10), Jamie
Antal (11), Valerie Griffin

Georgia School for the Deaf
Cave Spring, GA
(GSD)
Top Row: Darison Daggett (12), Jackie
Williams (12), Chad Moore
Bottom Row: Nolan Johnson (11), Raul
Real (10), Marie Dickinson

Hinsdale South High School
Darien, IL
(HSHS)
Top Row: Ismeal Cummings (12),
Aileen Balcazar (11)
Middle Row: Carlos Castro (11), Fiza
Waqas (11)
Bottom Row: Danika Duvall, Kathy
Craig
Regional Teams

**Kansas School for the Deaf**
Olathe, KS
(KSSD)

*Not Pictured:* Julie Bustos

**Top Row:** Sethan Rolofson (12)

**Bottom Row:** Avery Meza (12), Jessica Diaz (11)

**Not Pictured:** Julie Bustos

**Top Row:** Annette Tavernese, Gabriel Paulone

**Middle Row:** Martin Skjeveland (9), Sarah Walton (9)

**Bottom Row:** Michelle Eicher (9), Seanna Baird (10)

**Louisiana School for the Deaf**
Baton Rouge, LA
(LSD)

**Top Row:** Ella Owen (12), Jimmy Deville (12)

**Bottom Row:** Amy Jarrett, Denton Mallas, Madison Menard (11), Nathaniel Leleu (9)

**Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf**
Faribault, MN
(MSAD)

**Top Row:** Megan Frowick-Morgan, Beth Hamilton, Brenden Dow (11)

**Bottom Row:** Karsen Schroeder (11), Jordan Iseri (11), Dalina Schwartz (10)

**Mississippi School for the Deaf**
Jackson, MS
(MISS)

**Top Row:** Pam Jones, Crystal Newsome

**Middle Row:** Joshua Mitchell (10), Mary Enow (12)

**Bottom Row:** Raegan Hendrix (12), Stella Whallum (10)

**Metro Deaf School**
St. Paul, MN
(MDS)

**Top Row:** Cheri Piemeisl, Najmo Jama (12), Andrew Weber

**Bottom Row:** Estrella Rayner (11), Jade Stevensen (10), Jon Leitzke (9)
Model Secondary School for the Deaf
Washington, DC
(MSSD)

Top Row: Ryker D'Angelo (12), Coffey King (10), Hiruni Hewapathirana-Maya-du (9), Levi Wood (9)
Bottom Row: John Borkowski, Jennifer Cranston

Missouri School for the Deaf
Fulton, MO
(MOSD)

L to R: Debbie Burnaman, Rhiannon Gonzales (11), Hezeki Smoot (12), Allen Cass (10)

Nebraska Regional Programs
CWNP/NERP/SNRP, NE
(NEB)

Top Row: Abigail Laska (9), Isaac Erhart (10), Riley Salak (9), Trevor Frerichs (10)
Bottom Row: Mike Brummer, Sara Peterson

North Carolina School for the Deaf
Morganton, NC
(NCSD)

Top Row: Richard Hernandez (12), David Bird, Kelsey Bailey
Bottom Row: Akrit Risal (9), Tie Barnes (9), Jada Hill (11)

Oklahoma School for the Deaf
Sulphur, OK
(OKSD)

Top Row: Alejandra Medina Crouch (12), Kelsey Jones
Middle Row: Brian Chavez (12)
Bottom Row: RyJan Reininge (9), Lawson Pair

Pinellas County District
Largo, FL
(PCD)

Top Row: Zachary Downing (11), Xaviera Williams (11), Zacharia Williams (9)
Bottom Row: Drew Hornyak (10), Franklin Smith, Melissa Hebbeler
Regional Teams

Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind
Staunton, VA (VSDB)
L to R: Darren Maxwell (12), Monika Diaz (12), Tasha Waddell (12), Faithlyn Robinson

Starr’s Mill High School
Fayetteville, GA (STARR)
Top Row: Margery Weems (9), Samandra Vivaldo
Middle Row: Grace Forsberg (12), Cindy Hartpence
Bottom Row: Jessica Bryant (12)

White Bear Lake High School
White Bear Lake, MN (WBLHS)
Top Row: Dov Nathanson (9), Gloria Nathanson, Faith Lutz (9)
Bottom Row: Jameson Williams (9), Arthur Steiner (9), David Nathanson

Wisconsin School for the Deaf
Delavan, WI (WISD)
Top Row: Katie McClyman (12), Caleb Zapadinsky (11), Marissa LaGow (11)
Bottom Row: Lucinda Inches, Jonah Jahnke (9), Casey Kelly

Scan Complete. Good luck to all regional teams!
Winning teams of Consolation Matches are Nationals-bound! Losing teams of Consolation Matches are Wild Card teams and will have a chance to compete for the remaining two spots to Nationals.
### Midwest 2020 Regional Results

| Champions: | John Hersey High School |
| Second Place: | Wisconsin School for the Deaf |
| Third Place: | Indiana School for the Deaf |
| Fourth Place: | Iowa School for the Deaf |
| Wild Card Team: | Michigan School for the Deaf |
| Wild Card Team: | Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf |
| Sportsmanship Award: | Edmonds Woodway High School |
| Sportsmanship Award: | John Hersey High School |
| All-Star: | Jocelyn Burns (IASD) |
| All-Star: | Surabhi Gangdakar (JHHS) |
| All-Star: | Molly McEvoy (IASD) |
| All-Star: | Dalina Schwartz (MSAD) |
| All-Star: | Max Skjeveland (INS) |
| All-Star: | Caleb Zapadinsky (WISD) |
| Most Outstanding Player: | Yael Lenga (JHHS) |

### South 2020 Regional Results

| Champions: | Model Secondary School for the Deaf |
| Second Place: | Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind |
| Third Place: | Pinellas County District |
| Fourth Place: | W.T. Woodson High School |
| Wild Card Team: | Virginia School for the Deaf |
| Wild Card Team: | Texas School for the Deaf |
| Sportsmanship Award: | Georgia School for the Deaf |
| Sportsmanship Award: | Louisanna School for the Deaf |
| All-Star: | Talia Gugielmino (WOOD) |
| All-Star: | Nathaniel Jacob (MSSD) |
| All-Star: | Cage Keathley (TXSD) |
| All-Star: | Rosie Millet (WOOD) |
| All-Star: | Taode Odgen (VSDB) |
| All-Star: | Geoffrey Porter (FSDB) |
| Most Outstanding Player: | Vipin Suren (PCD) |
Midwest Regional Champions:

1997: Illinois School for the Deaf
1998: Missouri School for the Deaf
1999: Ohio School for the Deaf
2000: Shawnee Mission East High School
2001: John Hersey High School
2002: Indiana School for the Deaf
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2006: John Hersey High School
2007: Indiana School for the Deaf
2008: Indiana School for the Deaf
2009: Indiana School for the Deaf
2010: Indiana School for the Deaf
2013: Hinsdale South High School
2014: Indiana School for the Deaf
2015: Hinsdale South High School
2016: Indiana School for the Deaf
2017: Indiana School for the Deaf
2018: Indiana School for the Deaf
2019: John Hersey High School
2020: John Hersey High School

South Regional Champions:

1997: North Carolina School for the Deaf
1998: Alabama School for the Deaf
1999: Alabama School for the Deaf
2000: Florida School for the Deaf and Blind
2001: Florida School for the Deaf and Blind
2002: Florida School for the Deaf and Blind
2003: Florida School for the Deaf and Blind
2004: Florida School for the Deaf and Blind
2005: Alabama School for the Deaf
2006: Edmonds-Woodway High School
2007: Florida School for the Deaf and Blind
2008: White Station High School
2009: White Station High School
2010: White Station High School
2013: Tuscon Area Public Schools (SW)
       Maryland School for the Deaf (SE)
2014: New Mexico School for the Deaf (SW)
       Model Secondary School for the Deaf (SE)
2015: California School for the Deaf, Riverside (SW)
       Model Secondary School for the Deaf (SE)
2016: Texas School for the Deaf (SW)
       Rockville High School (SE)
2017: Texas School for the Deaf
2018: Model Secondary School for the Deaf
2019: Model Secondary School for the Deaf
2020: Model Secondary School for the Deaf

2008: Model Secondary School for the Deaf
2009: Indiana School for the Deaf
2010: Indiana School for the Deaf
2013: Hinsdale South High School
2014: Indiana School for the Deaf
2015: Hinsdale South High School
2016: Indiana School for the Deaf
2017: Indiana School for the Deaf
2018: Indiana School for the Deaf
2019: John Hersey High School
2020: John Hersey High School

Champions: Model Secondary School for the Deaf
Second Place: Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf
Third Place: Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind
Fourth Place: Pinellas County District
Fifth Place: Indiana School for the Deaf
Sixth Place: Wisconsin School for the Deaf
Wild Card Team #1: Metro Deaf School
Wild Card Team #2: Nebraska Regional Programs
Sportsmanship Award: North Carolina School for the Deaf
Sportsmanship Award: Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind
All-Star: Ryker D’Angelo, Model Secondary School for the Deaf
All-Star: Drew Hornyak, Pinellas County District
All-Star: Marissa LaGow, Wisconsin School for the Deaf
All-Star: Geoffrey Porter, Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind
All-Star: Dalina Schwartz, Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf
All-Star: Sarah Walton, Indiana School for the Deaf
Most Outstanding Player: Jordan Iseri, Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf
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