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Gunston's Academic Quiz Bowl team joins in Chicago tourney

CENTREVILLE — The Gunston School's Academic Quiz Bowl team traveled to Chicago recently to participate in the National Academic Quiz Tournament's national championships in Chicago.

In the two-day, 10-round tournament held at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare, Gunston's A Team finished just out of the playoff rounds, after dropping two close matches in the final preliminary rounds.

Tenth-grader Andrew Amygdalos was the 24th leading scorer in a tournament of over 300 contestants and received a "Rising Star" award for his performance. The team also consisted of 12th-grader Henry Parkhurst of Centerville, 11th-grader Phin Howell of Chestertown and 10th-grader Peter Sharpless of Centerville.

Gunston's B Team included ninth-graders Zack Anderson of Easton and Henry Shifrin of Chestertown, and 10th-grader Areopl Bai of Easton.

This is the second year in a row that Gunston's team has qualified for the national tournament, and the NAQT quiz bowl format asks students to answer questions from a wide array of knowledge domains including science, math, literature, history, current events, geography, music, art and sports.



Members of Gunston's Academic Quiz Bowl team traveled to Chicago recently to participate in the National Academic Quiz Tournament's national championships in Chicago. From left, front row: Henry Shifrin, Areopl Bai and Andrew Amygdalos; back row: Phin Howell, Headmaster John Lewis, Zack Anderson and Peter Sharpless.



A class of 2018 graduate from The Benedictine School celebrates on June 14.

The Benedictine School graduates eleven students

RIDGELY — The Benedictine School held its annual graduation ceremony at its campus on June 14 in Ridgely to celebrate the accomplishments of 11 students. The ceremony recognized the individual achievements of each graduate with a special award presentation.

Family, friends and staff enjoyed an evening of hospitality, and the ceremony included a live performance of the national anthem by staff member Yvonne Duckery, accompanied by keyboardist Devin Brown. Staff members also performed a sign language routine.

Special guest "Elsa" from the Disney movie "Frozen," surprised graduates at the

end of the ceremony and posed for pictures.

Education Director Julie Hickey recognized school teacher Lorraine Slama for recently earning the title of Educator of the Year by the National Commission for the Accreditation of Special Education Services. Benedictine parent Kathy Marinucci of Dominic's Farm, was recognized with the Community Award for sharing her talents and farm resources with school students.

Graduates from The Benedictine School were awarded a High School Certificate of Program Completion and will move on to adult life in their home communities.

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