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Ten teams compete in 2010 NFCC High School Brain Bowl Tournament

Suwannee, Branford and Wakulla high schools take home trophies

MADISON, FL – Top students from area north Florida high schools went head to head at the annual High School Brain Bowl competition held Nov. 18 at North Florida Community College. Ten teams competed in a hotly contested event that highlights the academic sharpness of high school students to answer science, math, and humanities questions under pressure. Taking top honors this year are Suwannee County High School (Team 1) in first place, Branford High School in second place and Wakulla High School (Team 1) taking third.

“Congratulations to Suwannee 1 for taking home the champions' trophy for a second year in a row,” said Dr. Tony DeLia, NFCC instructor and Brain Bowl sponsor. “Approximately 60 students from Aucilla, Branford, Madison, Suwannee and Wakulla participated in this competition of our region's academic elite.”

In a round-robin match, the teams were divided into two brackets – the Kuiper Belt Bracket and the Oort Cloud Bracket. After five rounds of competition Branford was undefeated in the Kuiper Belt Bracket followed by Wakulla 1 with two losses. Suwannee 1 was undefeated in the Oort Cloud Bracket followed by Wakulla 2 with two losses. In the playoff round Branford defeated Wakulla 2 by scoring 160 to 40 while Suwannee 1 beat Wakulla 1 with a score of 180 to 30. This set up an all-Suwannee County championship game of Branford versus Suwannee 1 with Suwannee 1 defeating Branford by a score of 240 to 80.

For more information about the annual NFCC High School Brain Bowl Tournament or NFCC’s Brain Bowl team, contact Dr. Tony DeLia at deliaa@nfcc.edu or telephone (850) 973-1632.

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PHOTOS:

1. Taking FIRST PLACE in the 2010 NFCC High School Brain Bowl Tournament are, left to right, Alex Lagunas, Walker Helvenston, Donovan Pat and Freddy Mowry of Suwannee High School’s “Suwannee 1” team.

2. Taking SECOND PLACE in the 2010 NFCC High School Brain Bowl Tournament are, left to right, Samuel Arnold, Evin Ward, Bobby Hansen and Lazzo Hernandez of Branford High School.

3. Taking THIRD PLACE in the 2010 NFCC High School Brain Bowl Tournament are, left to right, Belle Robinson, Eric Parks, Kaylee Chatham and Marshall Harvey of Wakulla High School’s “Wakulla 1” team.

4. Wakulla High School’s “Wakulla 2” team, left to right, Landon Glover, Will Walker, Randell Mainer and Aaron Smith make it to the playoff round of the 2010 NFCC High School Brain Bowl Tournament.