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## LICKING HEIGHTS QUIZ BOWL TEAMS QUALIFY FOR NATIONALS



PATASKALA - Licking Heights Central Middle School Quiz Bowl Team A won the Southern Racine Middle School Tournament held on Saturday February 4th. Licking Heights ended the day with the overall best record of the day at 7-1.

The tournament used NAQT rules and questions, which certified it as a nationally qualifying event. The top 15 percent of the field received their official invite to the 2017 Middle School National Championship Tournament in Dallas, Texas which will take place May 12-14.

This is the first year for Licking Heights to offer Quiz Bowl as a club at the middle school level. Team members at the tournament were:

### **Team A**

Maddy Nein  
Harmela Solomon  
Tori King  
Ian Kenney

### **Team B**

Lucy Kasler  
Drew Walker  
Kevin Arent  
Erica Hatlestad

Licking Heights Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Mrs. Angel King is proud of the teams' success for this being their first year in competition. "It is great to have an established program at the middle school to feed into the already well established and successful high school academic team," she said.

The Licking Heights High School Quiz Bowl team has seen similar success this year. Advised by high school teacher, Mr. Sean McCullough, the team is off to a fantastic start this season.

**Team Members Include:**

Faith Booker - Senior (Captain)  
Finn Bohlen - Senior  
Spencer Queen - Junior  
Christian Lavanchy - Junior  
Abby Sedziol - Junior  
Bobby Belair - Sophomore  
Sebastian Lubert - Sophomore  
Penlope Mazivanhanga - Sophomore  
Anthony Sanidad - Sophomore  
Jeannell Nutter - Freshman

On the TV show, *In the Know*, produced by The Ohio State University, the team advanced to the round of sweet 16 by defeating New Albany and Mount Vernon, but ultimately lost to Olentangy, which aired on WOSU on February 15, 2017.

In Mid-State League Play, the team is 14-1 and earned the #1 seed going into the round robin tournament. The tournament will be held on March 8 at Fisher Catholic High School.

In Licking County League play, the team finished the regular season with a record of 7-2.

The team also won the NAQT qualifier at Olentangy Liberty High School on January 4, 2017 which earned them a bid to the national championship June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> in Washington D.C.

“This team is one of the most special group of young men and women, with whom I have ever worked,” Mr. McCullough expressed. “I’m honored to see their accomplishments and growth as people.”

Congratulations to both Quiz Bowl teams on their accomplishments this season and good luck at the National competitions. We are proud to have such exceptional students representing Licking Heights. For more information regarding school-sponsored clubs and organizations, and a list of events please click [here](#) or visit our website at [www.lhschools.org](http://www.lhschools.org).