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Palm Beach Community College Brain Bowl team wins third place in national competition

(April 16, 2004 – Lake Worth, Fla.) Palm Beach Community College’s Brain Bowl team placed third in the country among community colleges at the fiercely competitive Intercollegiate Championship Tournament held in St. Louis this month.

Five members of PBCC’s team competed in Division II against freshmen and sophomores on 31 other teams from community colleges and universities throughout the country. They are **Adella Irizarry, Greg Garbee, Joe Richardson, Matt Snyder** and **Samuel Michel**. Although community colleges competed against university teams, trophies were awarded to the top teams in each category in the competition sponsored by National Academic Quiz Tournaments (NAQT).

PBCC team members went up against teams from Harvard, MIT, UCLA, Virginia and DePauw, beating the latter in a tie-breaker that earned them their final ranking.

“It’s hard competition. There’s no doubt about it,” said Math Professor Tommy Minton, who coaches the team with Speech Communication Professor Kim Parker. “To win a trophy is pretty amazing.”

In addition, team member Greg Garbee of Boca Raton also earned an award for the fifth highest individual score in the community college division.

This is the first year that PBCC’s Brain Bowl team qualified to compete in this tournament. This is its latest in several successes this year. The team also won its first ever regional championship in February at the Jeopardy-like Florida Community College Activities Association Brain Bowl Tournament.

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Brain Bowl team members from left: Joe Richardson, Samuel Michel, Adella Irizarry, Greg Garbee and Matt Snyder.

Editor's note: For a high-resolution photo of the Brain Bowl team, go to www.pbcc.edu/crm/releasepics/NAQT.jpg.

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