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SALEM RECEIVES TOP HONORS IN EIU SCHOLASTIC BOWL TOURNEY

CHARLESTON -- Salem High School was named "Tournament Champion" during Eastern Illinois University's Honors Programs' 16th annual Scholastic Bowl Tournament held Saturday, Feb. 3.

Other winners from among the 24 participating high schools included St. Anthony (Effingham), second place; Hutsonville, third; Fairfield, fourth; Central A & M, fifth; Georgetown-Ridgefarm, sixth; and Paris, consolation champion. All teams were guaranteed at least three matches in this round-robin tournament. Winners from each bracket advanced to the five championship rounds.

Medallions also were awarded to members of the "All-Tournament Team," usually consisting of the five players who score the most points in the first three rounds of the tournament. This year there were six students named to the "All-Tournament Team" since there was a tie for fifth place.

This year's team consisted of Gary Leuty, Salem, 28 toss-up questions; Mary Naam, St. Anthony, 25 questions; Brenden Ayt, Paris, 18 questions; James Fribley, Central A & M, 14 questions; and Rachel Simms, Sullivan, and Cole Anderson, Flora, 12 questions each.

Participating schools in this year's contest included Casey-Westfield, Central A & M (Moweaqua/Assumption), Charleston, Cumberland (Greenup/Toledo), East Richland (Olney), Edwards County (Albion), Fairfield, Flora, Georgetown-Ridgefarm, Hutsonville, Meridian (Macon), Mt. Carmel, Newton, Oakland, Oblong, Paris, Robinson, Salem, St. Anthony (Effingham), St. Elmo, St. Theresa (Decatur), Sullivan, Taylorville and Teutopolis.

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