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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU HOSTS ELEVENTH SCHOLASTIC BOWL

CHARLESTON -- On Feb. 3, Eastern Illinois University's Honors Programs hosted their 11th annual Scholastic Bowl Tournament, which is completely organized and run by students within the Honors Programs. For the third consecutive year, Cumberland High School took home the first place trophy with a record of 7-0.

The tournament is comprised of 20 area high school teams competing in round robin play, with the top 10 teams advancing to the final five rounds. During each round, teams were asked various questions relating to mathematics, various sciences, history, fine arts and current events, making knowledge and speed essential. For each correctly answered toss-up question, 10 points were awarded along with the opportunity to answer a 20-point bonus question.

In addition to team awards, three MVP awards were given to the individual players with the highest average of correctly answered toss-up questions in the first three rounds. This year's first place MVP was Shaun Rooney from Charleston High School. Second place MVP went to Teutopolis High School's Scott Drees,

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and Charleston's Todd Wahlrabe and Effingham's Ian Altgilbers tied for third.

The overall tournament standings were Oblong, 2nd; Charleston, 3rd; Sullivan, 4th; Robinson, 5th; and Effingham consolation winner. First place winner Cumberland High School is now eligible to advance to the state scholastic bowl competition to be held later this year.

Next year's tournament will be expanded to 24 area high school teams. The tournament structure will remain the same with the exception of the removal of the bye round for the advancing teams in the afternoon rounds of play. If any area high schools not currently participating in the Honors Programs Tournament wish to be added to the tournament roster for next year, please contact the Honors office at (217) 581-2017. Teams will be given a spot on the roster on a first-come, first-serve basis. If all spots are filled, they may be placed on an alternate list for future years.