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HONORS PROGRAM SPONSORS SCHOLASTIC BOWL

CHARLESTON, IL.--Sixteen area high schools have been invited to participate in the Eastern Illinois University Honors Programs third annual scholastic bowl tournament from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, in the University Union, according to Amy Keele, tournament coordinator.

The high schools competing include Casey-Westfield, Clinton, Effingham, Effingham St. Anthony, Hutsonville, Marshall, Mattoon, Mt. Zion, Newton, Oblong, Palestine, Robinson, St. Elmo, Sullivan, Taylorville and Vandalia.

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"The scholastic bowl was originally designed as a recruiting program for Eastern's Honors Programs and Eastern is one of the first universities in the state to offer such a program," said Eric Bailey, assistant tournament coordinator.

The scholastic bowl is similar to a "quiz bowl" where two teams, consisting of five contestants each, compete in a round-robin style tournament where a series of questions on a variety of subjects are asked. The areas covered in Saturday's tournament include mathematics, social sciences, science, fine arts and miscellaneous, such as agriculture and drivers education, Bailey said.

Trophies will be presented to the top five teams and the first place team will advance to the National Academic Championship at the University of New Orleans June 12-18.

A plaque and gift certificate will also be given to the top five individual scorers.

"The students are anxiously awaiting this upcoming event and look forward to competing against one another," said Keele.

The event is open to the public.