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OBLONG HIGH SCHOOL WINS FIRST PLACE IN SCHOLASTIC BOWL

CHARLESTON, IL.--Oblong High School won first place in the Eastern Illinois University Honors Programs third annual scholastic bowl tournament held Saturday and has qualified for the National Academic Championship to be held in June on the campus of the University of New Orleans.

Oblong was among sixteen area high schools invited to participate in the scholastic bowl. St. Elmo received second place; St. Anthony (Effingham), third; Casey-Westfield, fourth; and Hutsonville was the consolation champion. Each of the top five teams received trophies.

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The top individual scorers were Matt Blickensderfer, Mt. Zion; Kevin Finke, Casey-Westfield; Brody Finney, Oblong; Lana Holmes, Hutsonville; Tony Moore, Clinton; Aaron Peck, St. Elmo; and Thad Reavill, Robinson. Each winner received a plaque and gift certificate.

Other high schools competing included Effingham, Marshall, Mattoon, Newton, Palestine, Sullivan, Taylorville and Vandalia.

Each team competed in a round-robin style tournament where a series of questions on a variety of subjects were asked.