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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

SCHOLASTIC BOWL WINNERS ANNOUNCED

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University's Honors Programs recently hosted their 12th annual Scholastic Bowl Tournament, organized and run by Honors Programs students.

Winners were Robinson High School, first place; Charleston High School, second; Cumberland High School, third; Taylorville High School, fourth; Sullivan High School, fifth; and Flora High School, sixth. The consolation winner was Newton High School.

In addition to team awards, Most Valuable Player 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 a tie between Jim Bryans of Palestine High School and Andy Stone of Paris High School. Taylorville's Tim Young and Shelbyville's Mike Oller tied for third-place MVP honors.

Twenty-four central Illinois high school Scholastic Bowl teams competed in

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round-robin play, with the top 12 teams advancing to the final five rounds. The matches are head-to-head competitions between two five-member teams, with questions covering mathematics, sciences, history, fine arts and current events. Not only must students have depth of knowledge to gain points, they must also answer quickly and accurately.

“One of the best things about this tournament is it brings a lot of talented high school students to the campus to see what we have to offer here,” said Kelsey Ballard, a junior honors student at Eastern and the student director of the tournament. “Plus we get many different teams together so they can socialize and meet people around the area who have the same interests they do.”