



Eastern Tennessee Public Television (WETP/Knoxville) has been producing Scholars' Bowl for 26 years, involving some 60 high schools in their viewing area. It is similar to *Jeopardy*, with toss-ups worth 10 points, bonus questions worth 20 points. The two main

sponsors are the Knoxville News Sentinel and the University of Tennessee, with community partners as well.. Scholars Bowls is one of the most popular programs ETPTv offers. Scholars' Bowl is taped during October and November and broadcast in January through March and also repeats in the summer. All students and coaches receive t-shirts; coaches receive gifts; the first place winner team receives \$1,000 and the coach receives \$300; 2nd place winner receives \$500 and the coach receives \$200. The first place team always attends the national academic competition in Chicago. Ken Jennings, the *Jeopardy* big-time winner, moderated some of the final games last year. Very exciting. **- FRANK MILLER**



Honored with the "My Source Award for Community Impact" by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and named the "Finest Series of 2008" by the National Educational Telecommunications Association, QUIZ SHOW is entering its third season with national celebrities on board and uncontainable energy. QUIZ SHOW is now in its third year on Basin PBS/Midland-Odessa. (Website) - DAPHNE DOWDY



KLCS/Los Angeles broadcasts the Los Angeles Unified School District's *Academic Decathlon Super Quiz*, a ten-event scholastic competition for teams of high school students. Each high school enters a team of nine students: 3 "A" or honor students, 3 "B" or scholastic students, and 3 "C" or varsity students. The televised *Super Quiz* is the final event of the Decathlon. The purpose of the Academic Decathlon and *Super Quiz* in particular, is to promote learning

and academic excellence through teamwork among students of all achievement levels. This live telecast is part Olympic-style ceremony, part quiz-style game show with mini-documentaries that profile the best in student achievement. - **JORGE BRISENO**



WKAR/East Lansing has two academic quiz programs, one with high school students and another with middle schoolers. Games are streamed online <u>http://wkar.org/quizbusters/</u>. WKAR has been producing *QuizBusters* for 21 years. It's a tournament-style academic quiz bowl production and the final teams

win scholarships to Michigan State University. 64 local high school teams participate. - DEANNE HAMILTON and SUSI ELKINS



WPBS/Watertown is now in its 31st year of *Whiz Quiz*. 30 area schools and 8 Canadian schools compete with an international match at the end with the winning teams from both sides of the border. Twenty or so retired

teachers volunteer to create the quizzes and judge the matches. - CARI MCAVOY



At WGBY/Springfield, it's "As Schools Match Wits." (<u>Website</u>) Produced at the studios of Westfield State College, *As Schools Match Wits* delivers all of the fun of the classic high school quiz-show and introduces a

new generation of high-school students to one of the few public competitions that stresses knowledge over physical ability. WGBY and Westfield State College acquired the rights of production and broadcast for this show back in 2007 from WLLP, who no longer could support the show financially. Continuing its proud history on WGBY, *As Schools Match Wits* is still "America's Longest Running High School Television Quiz Show since 1961". - **HEATHER LAVIGNE**



WGBH/Boston – "High School Quiz Show" puts 20 local schools in the spotlight, competing in 10 qualifying matches in eastern Massachusetts, six statewide playoff matches, and the coveted state championship. The competition begins March, 2010. See the <u>Website</u> - **HILARY WELLS**



WOSU/Columbus has produced *In the Know,* an academic quiz show, since September 1983. *In the Know* has attracted enthusiastic participation from high schools throughout central and southern Ohio. Sixty teams competed in the 2009-2010 season. The program host asks questions of eight students (four on each team), with a judge officiating and tabulating the scores. The questions are based on general high school subjects ranging from science to visual arts. The Ohio State University awards scholarships to the top four high school teams. All games are played at WOSU@COSI, WOSU's studios at the science museum in downtown Columbus. - **MARCELITA HASKINS**



WTJX/St. Thomas - High schools from both St. Croix and St. Thomas meet to compete in the "Virgin Islands Quiz Bowl competition", held this March at the Palms Court Harbor View Hotel on St. Thomas, and sponsored by the STTJ Federation of Teachers, local 1825. This is the Federation's 32nd year hosting the event. The Quiz Bowl started in 1978 with just four high schools from St. Croix, and five from St. Thomas competing. Students prepare all year for this event in hopes that their school

will be victorious and travel to the U.S. to represent the Virgin Islands in the National Academic Championship in June. The four-round event includes questions on music, literature, art, math, science, history, religion, sports, general knowledge, and current events. WTJX Channel 12 has broadcasted this event since 1996. - **CLAUDE GERARD**



KEDT/Corpus Christi - Now in its fourth season on KEDT-TV, *Challenge* showcases area high school academic teams in a rousing competition as spirited as any as any football game. Eric Boyd hosts the competition among 24 south Texas high schools. The program emphasizes quick recall of factual material in all major disciplines -- math, science, social studies, language arts, and fine arts -- and a few questions about current events,

movies and TV, sports and south Texas people, places and events. Contestants try to answer questions more quickly than members of the opposite team. The winning school will take home the *Challenge* Cup, to be displayed in their school trophy case, plus bragging rights of being the very "best and brightest" in south Texas. Each individual member of the first and second place teams will receive cash scholarship to be applied toward college expenses. **- DONNA FRANK**

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