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Bibb County's Stratford Academy Wins PAGE Academic Bowl for Middle Grades State Finals

Bibb County's Stratford Academy, coached by Kathleen Peterson and Susan Hanberry Martin, is the 2010 PAGE Academic Bowl for Middle Grades State Champion. The team won the title at the PAGE (Professional Association of Georgia Educators) Academic Bowl for Middle Grades State Finals, held on Saturday, March 13, 2010, at the Georgia College & State University (GC&SU) Arts and Sciences Auditorium in Milledgeville, Georgia. The team emerged victorious in the final of four-single elimination rounds. Gwinnett County's Duluth Middle School, coached by Linda Koch and Sylvia Barteaux, received First Runner-up honors, Gwinnett County's North Gwinnett Middle School, coached by Scott Johnson, John Rhilinger, Mike Young and Laura Burgess, was named Second Runner-up and Fulton County's Webb Bridge Middle School, coached by Robert Swanson, Brenda Youngblood and Katie Jones, was named Third Runner-up.

This year's competition was sponsored by PAGE, the PAGE Foundation and Georgia College & State University (GC&SU), with the Collegiate Middle Level Association serving as the host organization. The PAGE Academic Bowl features teams of middle school students fielding questions on subjects ranging from Georgia history to mathematics, science, literature and the performing arts. Opposing teams compete against the clock to answer toss-up and bonus questions in order to score points. The goal of the program is to inspire students to excel academically, to enhance student self-confidence and self-esteem through high achievement and to encourage both a team and competitive spirit.

"I applaud each team member and their coaches for the hours of hard work, dedication and practice that brought them to this final round of competition. I know I am joined by their parents, friends and school administrators in offering my heartiest congratulations on a job well done. I'd also like to thank GC&SU and the Collegiate Middle Level Association for allowing us once again the opportunity to have the State Finals at this outstanding university," said Tom Wommack, president of the PAGE Foundation.

Statewide, more than 1,500 students compete at the local, regional and state levels of the PAGE Academic Bowl for Middle Grades. Other academic competitions sponsored by the PAGE Foundation include PAGE STAR (Student Teacher Achievement Recognition) and the PAGE Georgia Academic Decathlon (GAD) for high school students. Through its sponsorship of Future Educators Association of Georgia (FEA Georgia), Student Professional Association of Georgia Educators (SPAGE) and PAGE Foundation Scholarships, the PAGE Foundation works to recruit capable people to the teaching profession and provide career-long professional learning opportunities for educators.



Caption: The 2010 PAGE Academic Bowl for Middle Grades State Champion Stratford Academy team members are joined by their coaches and presenters following the awards presentation. Pictured (front row, left to right) are: Vijay Pillai, Team Captain Hemanth Sanjeev, Asfar Rehan and Morgan Sowell; and (back row, left to right) Chair of the PAGE Foundation Board of Trustees and Columnist and Editorial Page Editor of *The Telegraph* Charles Richardson, Coach Susan Hanberry Martin, PAGE President-Elect Richard Thomas, Jimmy Hernandez, Saqib Qadir, Coach Kathleen Peterson and PAGE Foundation President Tom Wommack.

The Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE), the parent organization of the Foundation, is a statewide professional association of more than 78,000 teachers, administrators and support personnel members. PAGE provides professional learning for educators to enhance competence and confidence, build leadership and increase student achievement.