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### **MASD Students Qualify for National AGLOA Tournament**



MASD students Selin Sirinterlikci, Allison Murphy, April Peng, Nora Kupiec and Dan Murray will attend the 2010 Academic Games Leagues of America National Tournament in April.

Moon Area students will compete against hundreds of peers at the 2010 Academic Games Leagues of America National Tournament in Cincinnati on April 22 – 26 after qualifying at a recent regional competition.

MAHS freshman Allison Murphy and Selin Sirinterlikci, junior April Peng and senior Dan Murray along with MAMS eighth-grader Nora Kupiec advanced to the national tournament after second-place performances in the junior and senior divisions of the presidents category.

MAHS students Rachel Morris, Kayla Miller and April Peng and MAMS students Ashley Hall and Abby Eberts also competed at the regional tournament.

National competitors at the tournament, which welcomes students from seven states, are determined during regional tournaments in six divisions: presidents, equations, on-sets, propaganda, linguistics and world events, held by the area's competing body - Western Pennsylvania Academic Games League. More regional tournaments to determine more national qualifiers will be held in coming months.

Each division presents students with a unique set of challenges. Presidents challengers answer written questions on American leaders' personalities, historical

importance and executive decisions as well as dates of service and vice presidents for every commander-in-chief.

Academic Games tournaments started in 1966 and since that time more than 100,000 students have competed in a local match. In Moon Area's division, fifth-graders through seniors take on peers from seven nearby school districts in elementary, middle, junior and senior divisions.