

SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY JROTC ACADEMIC TEAM WINS 2009 LEADERSHIP AND ACADEMIC BOWL

MENDOTA HEIGHTS, Minn., July 2, 2009 – Saint Thomas Academy announced today that its JROTC academic team won The College Options Foundation's 2009 JROTC Leadership and Academic Bowl, held on the campus of George Mason University, in Fairfax, Va., June 26-30, 2009.

Saint Thomas Academy's JROTC team competed against 23 regional champion teams from across the U.S., Europe and the island of Tinian in the South Pacific to win the competition. In the 14th round of the weekend, the team defeated Lowell High School of San Francisco for the title.

The team competed in two rounds of competitive online play against 1,200 teams from across the world to win the Midwest region. In the first two rounds, students were tested on standard high school curriculum; math, science, English, American and world history, and leadership skills.

Competing for Saint Thomas Academy in the championship round were:

- T. Mannuzza '10
- M. Whalen '11
- J. Ryan '11
- J. Hartnett '12

The JROTC Leadership and Academic Bowl is a nationally recognized academic competition created exclusively for JROTC students. By participating, cadets learn the values of citizenship, academic competition and college opportunity. The competition creates opportunities for JROTC and its cadets by demonstrating the academic abilities of JROTC students.

About the College Options Foundation

The College Options Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the academic development of high school students and assisting them in their preparation for higher education. Using academic competitions, college exam study guides, college admissions tutorials and personalized counseling, College Options Foundation has assisted the nation's 1.1 million Department of Defense - JROTC cadets worldwide.