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University High School Nips Indiana School for the Deaf 37-36 to Capture the 2009 Academic Bowl

Congratulations to University High School of Irvine, California, for capturing the 2009 Academic Bowl national championship trophy. The University High School team of Manual Alvarado, Moises Jaramillo, Gianni Manganelli, Emily Schwartz, and Jessica Walker edged defending champion ISD to take the 2009 title.

The UHS team was coached by Kay Anderson and Scott Kramer.

After the championship match, Gallaudet University President Robert Davila spoke to the packed audience attending the match. "I have been to many Academic Bowls throughout the years, but this was, by far, one of the most exciting and suspenseful championship matches we've had in memory," he said.

Gallaudet Provost Stephen Weiner also spoke briefly to the team players, coaches, family, and friends in attendance. "The excitement of this match and other matches will inspire all of our players here to aim high, to keep working hard to achieve their academic goals," he said.

University High School senior Gianni Manganelli received the Outstanding Player award, which was voted by coaches from all teams in attendance, and selected by the Gallaudet Academic Bowl officers. South Plantation High School of Plantation, Florida, received the Team Sportsmanship award.

Maryland School for the Deaf of Frederick, Maryland, pulled out a win in the battle for third place over Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind.

The third-place and championship matches were webcast live by Gallaudet University's Academic Technology unit. A replay of the webcast can be seen on the official Academic Bowl website (ab.gallaudet.edu).

About the Gallaudet University Academic Bowl

Gallaudet University established the Academic Bowl for Deaf and Hard of Hearing High School Students in 1997, with the goal of promoting academic competition among school teams. Quiz tournaments, in which teams of high school students compete against each other in local, regional, and national events, have gained wide popularity among high schools and colleges throughout the country.

At each regional Academic Bowl, teams compete against each other in answering questions on a wide variety of subjects. The first-, second-, and third-place teams - as well as one wild card fourth-place team - from each of the five regions compete in the National Academic Bowl at Gallaudet University in late April. A total of 16 teams compete at nationals.

The Academic Bowl program is administered through the Gallaudet University College of Professional Studies and Outreach (CPSO). To learn more about CPSO, please visit our website at cpso.gallaudet.edu.

About Gallaudet University

Gallaudet University, federally chartered in 1864, is a bilingual, diverse, multicultural institution of higher education that ensures the intellectual and professional advancement of deaf and hard of hearing individuals through American Sign Language and English. Gallaudet prepares its graduates for career opportunities in a highly competitive, technological, and rapidly changing world. Visit Gallaudet online at gallaudet.edu.

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