



*FLORIDA EDUCATION FUND*

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March 22, 2019

Dear COE Family:

On behalf of the Florida Education Fund (FEF), it is a pleasure to welcome each of you to the 34th Annual Brain Bowl Competition and National Achievers Society (NAS) Summit. For more than three decades, to help young students realize their full potential while harnessing the power of collective action, the FEF has worked diligently to enhance pre-collegiate educational opportunities, promote cultural awareness and pride, and facilitate parental and community involvement in students' educational experiences.

I heartily congratulate you, the individuals and teams who have advanced to statewide academic competitions. While these academic games provide a fun, competitive way to reinforce and enhance your motivation, please be reminded that winning a trophy at the end of the game is just a symbol of success, not success itself. Real and lasting success is manifested when you master mathematics and computer science, have a working knowledge of your history and culture, and are able to write and think critically, so you can become leading scientists, artists, physicians, educators, legislators, and guardians of freedom, justice and equality.

To the parents and coaches who voluntarily took time out of their busy work schedules to help prepare students for these competitions, I offer my profound thanks. To the churches, corporations, individuals, and the State of Florida who provided financial support for this year's competition, thank you. Finally, to the universities and colleges that donated scholarships to winning team members, your contributions will last a lifetime. Thank you.

Again, I congratulate the achievements of the Brain Bowl teams and the National Achievers Society. Enjoy yourselves as you celebrate your accomplishments.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Morehouse, Ph.D.  
President and CEO



March 22, 2019

Welcome Achievers, Brain Bowl Competitors, Families, and Supporters.

It is my extreme pleasure to welcome you to the 34th Annual Brain Bowl Competitions and Statewide Summit. It's an amazing opportunity to be here with all of you to see the knowledge and the community involvement that we share showcased and celebrated. From one Summit to the next, this organization has grown not only in size but in intelligence as well. I would like to commend you on your hard work.

To the Class of 2019, congratulations! I know you have all worked extremely hard to get to this moment. The dedication that you have displayed to your education and to this organization is inspiring. Continue working hard and being excellent and you will achieve many things. After all, once an Achiever, always an Achiever.

I would like to give a special thank you to parents for being there. Your continual support has helped mold us into better people. I know I speak for us all when I say thank you for being there every step of the way. We couldn't have done it without you.

It has been my pleasure to serve you this past year. Thank you to Ms. Monica Montes and Ms. Lyra Logan from the Florida Education Fund for your support and guidance. Thank you to the Centers of Excellence throughout the state for your efforts in helping Achievers and Believers excel. I know this year's State Brain Bowl and Summit will be one to remember. Don't forget: excellence starts with us. Enter this weekend with your head held high and know that you are excellent no matter what.

Best Regards,

Samantha K. Lujan  
NAS State President

# 34th Annual Statewide Brain Bowl Competition & Florida National Achievers Society Summit

## *Schedule of Activities*

All activities will take place at the Embassy Suites. To assist you in finding meeting rooms, we include a map on page 5.

### *Thursday, March 21, 2019*

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
7:30–8:30 p.m.	<b>History &amp; Culture Orientation and Overview of Competition</b> (Officials, Coaches, and COE Directors)	Salon E
8:30–9:30 p.m.	<b>Math Orientation and Overview of Competition</b> (Officials, Coaches, and COE Directors)	Salon F-G

### *Friday, March 22, 2019*

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
6:30–7:25 a.m.	<b>History &amp; Culture Teams' Breakfast</b>	Complimentary Dining Area
7:10–8:05 a.m.	<b>Math Teams' Breakfast</b>	Complimentary Dining Area
7:30–8:00 a.m.	<b>History &amp; Culture Teams' Photo Session</b>	Poolside
8:00–8:45 a.m.	<b>Math Teams' Photo Session</b>	Poolside
8:30–12:30 p.m.	<b>History &amp; Culture Competition</b>	Salon E
9:00–12:30 p.m.	<b>Math Competitions, Concurrent Sessions</b>	Salons A-C, D, F-G
10:00–12:30 p.m.	<b>NAS Codes App Challenge</b>	Magnolia Room, 2nd Floor
12:30–1:15 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b> (Officials, Coaches, Teams and COE Directors)	Atrium Waterfall Area
1:30–5:30 p.m.	<b>History &amp; Culture Competition</b> (Continues until Champions are determined)	Salon E
1:30–5:30 p.m.	<b>Math Competitions</b> (Continues until Champions are determined)	Salons A-C, D, F-G
1:30–5:30 p.m.	<b>NAS Codes App Challenge</b> (Continues until Winners are determined)	Magnolia Room, 2nd Floor
6:00–7:30 p.m.	<b>Brain Bowl Teams' Dinner</b>	Salon A-D
7:30–9:30 p.m.	<b>Brain Bowl Teams' and NAS Members' Dance</b>	Salon A-D

### *Saturday, March 23, 2019*

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
7:00–7:30 a.m.	<b>Math Teams' Breakfast</b>	Complimentary Dining Area
7:30–8:00 a.m.	<b>History &amp; Culture Teams' Breakfast</b>	Complimentary Dining Area

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## *Schedule of Activities*

*Saturday, March 23, 2019 (continued)*

**Workshop rooms are as follows:**

**Grades K-2 – Magnolia Room, 2nd Floor**      **Grades 9-12 – Salon E**  
**Grades 3-5 – Palm Room, 2nd Floor**          **Parents – Salon F-G**  
**Grades 6-8 – Salon D**

<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Activity</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
7:30–8:30 a.m.	<b>Brain Bowl Teams’ Hotel Checkout</b>	<i>Lobby</i>
8:15–8:45 a.m.	<b>NAS Summit Registration</b>	<i>Grand Ballroom Foyer</i>
8:45–10:00 a.m.	<b>NAS Summit Opening Ceremony</b> Community Service & Senior Recognition Presentation Welcome Purpose Welcome Greetings “Lift Every Voice” NAS Pledge Introduction of Speaker Keynote Speaker  NAS Litany Closing Remarks	<i>Salon D-E</i>  <i>Introduction by <b>Avona Randolph</b>, NAS State Vice President <b>Lawrence Morehouse, Ph.D.</b>, President &amp; CEO, FEF <b>Lyra Logan, Esq.</b>, Executive Vice President &amp; General Counsel, FEF <b>Samantha Lujan</b>, NAS State President <b>Chloe Williams</b>, Vice President, NAS St. Petersburg COE <b>Jeremy Maul</b>, NAS Tallahassee Coalition COE <b>Reginald Lewis</b>, President, NAS Santa Fe College COE <b>Kendyl Geathers</b>, Vice President, NAS Pasco-Hernando COE <b>Dr. Jeresia Choice</b>, NAS Alumnus, Pediatric Dentist, Kidz Choice Pediatric Dentistry of Central Florida <b>Donyea James</b>, President, NAS Palm Beach County COE <b>Ra’Niyah Battle</b>, NAS State Treasurer</i>
10:20–11:20 a.m.	<b>Concurrent Workshops</b> Grades K-2 Grades 3-5  Grades 6-8  Grades 9-11 Grade 12 Parents	<i>Storytelling/Character Building, <b>Dr. Kandra Albury</b>, Kids’n Capes, Inc. Exploring the Many Shapes of Mathematics, <b>Ms. Margaret Walker</b>, Orange County Public Schools Keep Calm and Experiment On!, <b>Dr. Sherian E. Demetrius</b>, Miami-Dade County Public Schools One on One with University Recruiters (<i>Grand Ballroom Foyer</i>) Resume and Interview Tips, <b>Mr. Raymond Cabrera</b>, University of South Florida Education Roundtable: “Competitive Edge: Strategies for Gaining Admission to and Financing College” <b>Lawrence Morehouse, Ph.D.</b>, President &amp; CEO, FEF <b>Dr. Sonja Montas-Hunter</b>, Assistant Vice-Provost, Office of Student Access &amp; Success, Florida International University</i>
10:20–11:20 a.m.	<b>Word Wizard Competition (Grades 6-8)</b>	<i>Salon A-C</i>
10:20–11:20 a.m.	<b>NAS Voices Speech &amp; Oratory Contest</b>	<i>Cypress Room, 2nd Floor</i>
11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>	<i>Atrium Waterfall Area</i>
12:20–1:35 p.m.	<b>Word Wizard Competition (Grades 3-5)</b>	<i>Salon A-C</i>

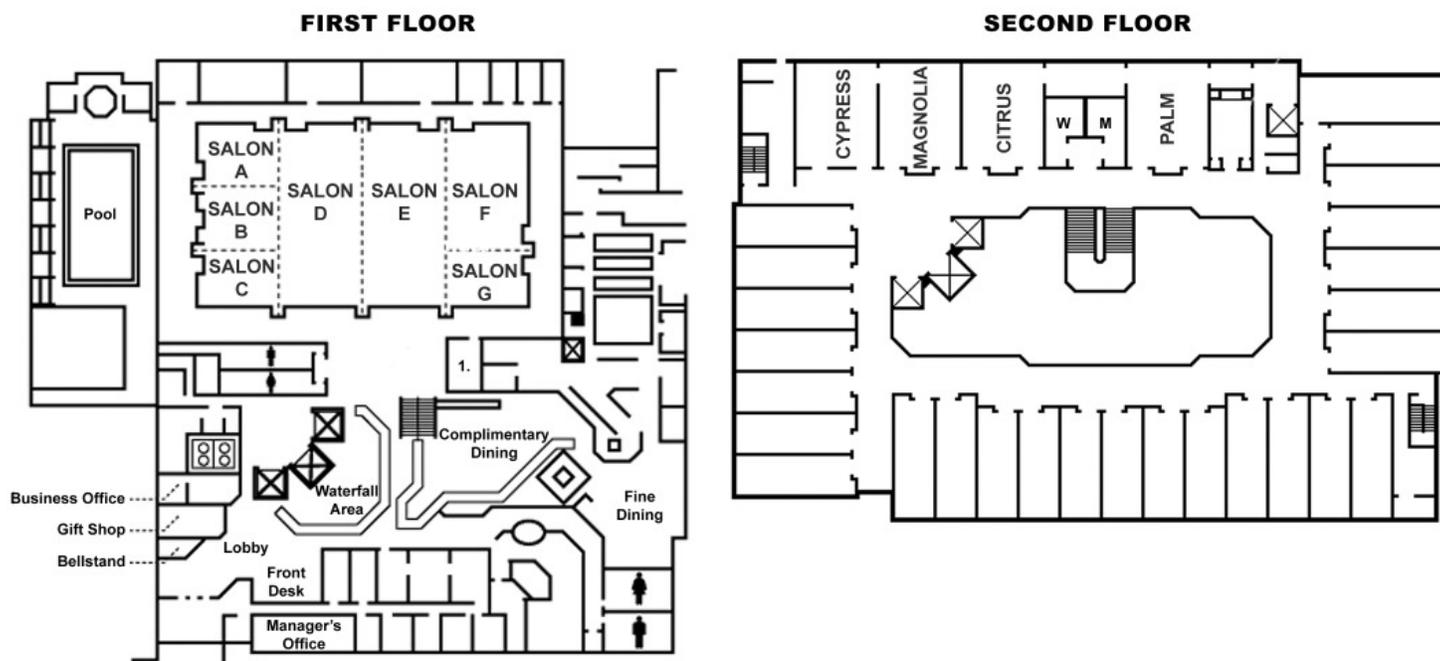
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Saturday, March 23, 2019 (continued)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
12:20–1:35 p.m.	<b>Concurrent Workshops</b>	
	Grades K-2	Exploring the Many Shapes of Mathematics, <i>Ms. Margaret Walker</i> , Orange County Public Schools
	Grades 3-5	All About Me, <i>Dr. Kandra Albury</i> , Kids'n Capes, Inc.
	Grades 6-8	Building Healthy Self-Esteem, <i>Ms. Felicia Pizana</i> , Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County
	Grades 9-12	Teen Summit, <i>NAS Leaders</i>
	Parents	Town Hall on Best Parent Practices, <i>NAS Parents</i>
1:50–4:00 p.m.	<b>NAS Summit Closing Ceremony</b>	<i>Salon D-E</i>
	Awards/Recognitions	<i>Lyra Logan, Esq.</i> , Executive Vice President & General Counsel, FEF <i>Samantha Lujan</i> , NAS State President <i>Avona Randolph</i> , NAS State Vice President
	Talent Extravaganza	<i>Serenity Billings-Larson</i> , President, NAS UCF-McKnight COE, Apopka Chapter <i>Erin Vinson</i> , President, NAS UCF-McKnight COE, Orange County <i>Marcel Baez</i> , President, NAS UCF-McKnight COE, Seminole County
	Farewell	<i>Samantha Lujan</i> , NAS State President
4:15–4:45 p.m.	<b>Scholarship Awardees Meeting</b> (immediately after Closing Ceremony for History and Culture and 11th-12th Grade Math 1st-3rd place teams)	<i>Cypress Room-2nd Floor</i>

## Embassy Suites



# 34th Annual Statewide Brain Bowl Competition

## *Team Rosters*

### *History & Culture*

ATLANTIC COAST COE  
**PLANTATION HIGH COLONELS**

Sponsor: Mentoring Tomorrows Leaders

*Captain:* **Naelie Louis Pierre**

*Co-Captain:* **Nephtalie Louis Pierre**

**Bianca Charles**

**Yvenson Elizer**

**Yashema Reuben**

**Layten Rorie**

*Coach:* **Fania Desinord**

NORTH FLORIDA COE

**DREAM CATCHER**

Sponsor: North Florida COE

*Captain:* **Haleigh Lake**

*Co-Captain:* **Avona Randolph**

**Kabreon Allen**

**Tyra Bennett**

**Anitra Borroto**

**Amaiya Callum**

**Rico Washington**

*Coach:* **Jeaneen Brinson**

PALM BEACH COUNTY COE

**PALM BEACH MAVERICKS**

Sponsor: Urban League of

Palm Beach County

*Captain:* **Aniqa Ahmed**

*Co-Captain:* **Sterling Shipp**

**Hana Ali**

**Shiyanna McLeod**

**Jada Milton**

**Kenneth Prochette**

**Wendon Roberts**

*Coach:* **Bruna Herbert**

PASCO-HERNANDO COE

**WOMEN IN BLACK**

Sponsor: Sherman Milton Florida

Heritage Real Estate Group

*Captain:* **Kendyl Geathers**

*Co-Captain:* **Re'Yasia West**

**Raghan Pickett**

**Courtnee Scott**

**Adelitta Stanton**

**Leila Tirone**

**Ja'Quala Woods**

*Coaches:*

**Brenda Joyce Barker & Angela Bennett**

SANTA FE COLLEGE COE

**GLORY**

Sponsor: Santa Fe College COE

*Captain:* **Xavier Green**

*Co-Captain:* **Niala Morris**

**Tierra Cleckley**

**Naya James**

**Canae Jenkins**

**Ahyana Napier**

**Dawrencia Roberts**

*Coaches:*

**Angela Wright & Diva McPherson**

SOUTH FLORIDA COE

**FILER PANTHERS**

Sponsor: Henry Filer Middle School

*Captain:* **Vincent Jimenez**

*Co-Captain:* **Rocio Pelaez**

**Rashelle Cruz**

**Iyomi Grinan**

**Athena Jimenez**

**Kaydin Mesa**

**Nicholas Rodriguez**

*Coaches:*

**Esmeralda Bisnett &**

**Gabriela Rodriguez**

TALLAHASSEE COALITION COE

**LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL**

**AGITATORS**

Sponsor: Tallahassee Area Coalition COE

**Daniel Agharahimi**

**Justin Mathews**

**Jacob Mensah-Mamfo**

**Samuel Omeke**

**Jaedin Price**

**Katelyn Reddick**

**Juancarlos Simmonds**

*Coaches:*

**James Richmond & Leon Simmonds**

TAMPA AREA COE

**THE UNLIMITED**

Sponsor: Dr. Guitele J Rahill, LCSW

*Captain:* **Efua Emuan**

*Co-Captain:* **Maya Dulcio**

**Carly Blake**

**Northon Blake**

**Saphyra Dulcio**

**Sebastien Jean-Leon**

**Leonide Pierre**

*Coaches:*

**Julina Dolce Gurganious &**

**Christine Leon**

UCF-MCKNIGHT COE

**DOUBLE A**

Sponsor: UCF-McKnight COE

*Captain:* **Taeler Bell**

*Co-Captain:* **Joshua Washington**

**Antonio Ayala**

**Destini Courtney**

**Kendyl Meeks**

**Jayla Morgan**

*Coach:* **Gregory Meeks**

# 34th Annual Statewide Brain Bowl Competition

## Team Rosters

### Middle School (6th-8th Grade) Mathematics

ATLANTIC COAST COE

*MATH ATTACK*

Sponsor: Urban League of Broward County

*Captain:* Savannah Lares

*Co-Captain:* Natasha Cruz

**Kristian Alexandre**

**Dominick Mondesir**

**Freya Sykes**

*Coach:* Robert McKenzie

NORTH FLORIDA COE

*THE DISTRIBUTIVE*

Sponsor: North Florida COE

*Captain:* Amari Singh

*Co-Captain:* Josyln Jones

**Tyrell Petersen**

**Jacqin Udell**

**Kenya Williams**

*Coach:* Al Nelson

PALM BEACH COUNTY COE

*MIGHTY MATHEMATICIANS*

Sponsor: Urban League of

Palm Beach County

*Captain:* Nicholas West

*Co-Captain:* Oliana Herbert

**Joy Carey**

**Asia Scott**

**Christiana Vickers**

*Coach:* Cicely Henderson

PASCO-HERNANDO COE

*THE MATH WIZARDS*

Sponsor: Pasco-Hernando COE

*Captain:* Miracle Wilson

*Co-Captain:* Heaven Wright

**Ahman Burgess**

**Alina Jacob**

**Inessia Richardson**

*Coach:* Carolyn Harris

ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE COE

*THE FREE RADICALS*

Sponsor: St. Petersburg College COE

**Cedric Bradley**

**Jacobi Cheedy**

**Erick Johnson**

**Jockey Sanders**

**Jameria Sutton**

*Coach:* Shannon Dolly

SANTA FE COLLEGE COE

*MATH BLASTERS*

Sponsor: Santa Fe College COE

*Captain:* Leyah Houston

*Co-Captain:* Adebayo Bello

**Abeni Bello**

**Samantha Jones**

**Mia Sims**

*Coach:* Courtney Chambers

SOUTH FLORIDA COE

*A FRACTION HEAD*

Sponsor: South Florida COE

*Captain:* Nyah Burnett

*Co-Captain:* Neelesh Pandey

**Josiah Burnett**

**Ajah Burnett**

**Amanda Noel**

*Coach:* Rachel Leeburn

### High School (9th-10th Grade) Mathematics

ATLANTIC COAST COE

*PENATRON*

Sponsor: Urban League

of Broward County

*Captain:* McKhaila McKenzie

*Co-Captain:* Shyan Braswell

**Amanda Flynn**

**Malcolm McKenzie**

**Victoria Piota**

*Coach:* Winsome Flynn

NORTH FLORIDA COE

*PHENOMENAL TO THE 5TH*

Sponsor: North Florida COE

*Captain:* Vivian Paul

*Co-Captain:* Jakiel Harris

**Zhaquon Griffin**

**Caden Perry**

**Enaage Owens**

*Coach:* Megan Valdes

PASCO-HERNANDO COE

*THE 5TH POWER*

Sponsor: Pasco-Hernando COE

*Captain:* Remiya Harris

*Co-Captain:* Remedy Harris

**Josiah Harrison**

**Zaray Herrera**

**Shayla Wilson**

*Coach:* Eric Theodore

TALLAHASSEE COALITION COE

*TALLAHASSEE 9TH 10TH*

*GRADE MATH*

Sponsor: Tallahassee Area Coalition COE

**Aziza Davis**

**Aubrianna Jackson**

**Sanaa Simmons**

**Breyonne Smith**

**James Tinner**

*Coach:* Jeremy Battle

UCF-MCKNIGHT COE

*UCF MATHLETES*

Sponsor: UCF-McKnight COE

*Captain:* Stephanie Wilks

*Co-Captain:* Taylor Winston

**Jordyn Fiorica**

**Maya Mitchell**

**Bryan Ruiz**

*Coach:* Beverly Wilks

# 34th Annual Statewide Brain Bowl Competition

## Team Rosters

### High School (11th-12th Grade) Mathematics

NORTH FLORIDA COE

**DEADLY SINES**

Sponsor: North Florida COE

Captain: **Linash Thomas**

Co-Captain: **Gyro DelosTrinos**

**Kylen Callum**

**Mariah Jenkins**

**Alan Nelson**

Coach: **Marcy Braden**

PALM BEACH COUNTY COE

**MATHLETES**

Sponsor: Urban League of

Palm Beach County

Captain: **Sufiya Ali**

Co-Captain: **Donyea James**

**Joshua Kuffour**

**Fabrice Lamour**

**Kenjela Mullings**

Coach: **Cartier Scott**

SOUTH FLORIDA COE

**MATHEMAGICIANS**

Sponsor: South Florida COE

Captain: **Jaime Gadea**

Co-Captain: **Heavyn Lee**

**Ra'nyah Battle**

**Jayden Burnett**

**Bryce Raymond**

Coach: **Lissandra Perez-Brito**

TALLAHASSEE COALITION COE

**TALLAHASSEE 11TH 12TH GRADE MATH**

Sponsor: Tallahassee Area Coalition COE

**Elon Davis**

**Zhoi Green**

**Jeremy Maul**

**Ivan Tucker**

**Tyrah Williams**

Coach: **Jacob Arnett**

UCF MCKNIGHT COE

**5 DEGREES**

Sponsor: UCF-McKnight COE

Captain: **Brandon Ruiz**

Co-Captain: **Saindry Paul**

**Cheyenne Douglas-Rivera**

**Adrice Galloway**

**Trinity Johnson**

Coach: **Cheryl Blakeney**

### NAS Codes App Challenge

ATLANTIC COAST COE

**Jabari Burgess**

**Chai Comrie**

NORTH FLORIDA COE

**Alonzo Brinson**

**Alexis Smith**

**Javan Smith**

PALM BEACH COUNTY COE

**Thaisha Gede**

PASCO-HERNANDO COE

**Hy'Keem Davis**

**Omarion Harrison**

**Vinson Telfare**

SOUTH FLORIDA COE

**Gabryella Raymond**

**Alyssa Rhodd**

**Cori'Anna White**

TALLAHASSEE COALITION COE

**Samuel King**

**Trevor King**

**Marcus Lampkin**

TAMPA AREA COE

**Adriana Martinez Sanchez**

**Gabriela Morales**

# 34th Annual Statewide Brain Bowl Competition

## Officials

### History & Culture

**Ms. Rose Alexander**  
*Chief Judge*

**Dr. Charmane Caldwell\***  
*Associate Judge*

**Mr. Donald Rawlerson**  
*Moderator*

**Mr. Timothy Dean**  
*Scorekeeper/Timekeeper*

**Ms. Gail Verret**  
*Scorekeeper/Timekeeper*

**Mr. Imani Asukile**  
*Ombudsman*

**Ms. Shawanna Brown**  
*Ombudsman*

### NAS Codes

**Mr. Anthony Windmon\***  
*Chief Judge*

**Ms. Shanice Clarke**  
*Associate Judge*

**Lyra Logan, Esq.**  
*Timekeeper/Scorer*

**Ms. Erica Davis**  
*Ombudsman*

### Word Wizard

**Lyra Logan, Esq.**  
*Judge/Scorer*

**Ms. Janice Colquitt**  
*Moderator*

**Ms. Monica Montes**  
*Timekeeper*

**Ms. Rhonda Hall**  
*Ombudsman*

### Mathematics

**Ms. Rose Mack**  
*Proctor*

**Ms. Vicki Viverito**  
*Proctor*

**Ms. Margaret Walker**  
*Proctor*

**Ms. Coretta Ford**  
*Scorer*

**Ms. Lorena Sanchez\***  
*Scorer*

**Dr. Adrienne Stephenson\***  
*Scorer*

**Ms. Andrea Wright\***  
*Scorer*

**Ms. Shawn Coleman**  
*Scorekeeper*

**Ms. Carolyn Jones**  
*Scorekeeper*

**Mr. Stacy Tinner, Jr.**  
*Scorekeeper*

**Ms. Ronnie Brown**  
*Timekeeper*

**Ms. Chakita Jackson**  
*Timekeeper*

**Ms. Latara Lampkin**  
*Timekeeper*

**Ms. Wisline Pierre**  
*Timekeeper*

**Ms. Gersandre Raymond**  
*Timekeeper*

**Ms. Sheila Reddick**  
*Timekeeper*

**Ms. Marvalyn Cole-Nation**  
*Ombudsman*

**Ms. Donna James**  
*Ombudsman*

**Ms. Patricia Mullings**  
*Ombudsman*

### NAS Voices

**Dr. Vernetta Williams**  
*Chief Judge*

**Dr. Charmane Caldwell\***  
*Associate Judge*

**Dr. Adrienne Stephenson\***  
*Associate Judge*

**Ms. Felicia Pizana**  
*Timekeeper/Scorer*

**Ms. Gloria Bradley**  
*Ombudsman*

**Ms. Connie Anderson**  
*Ombudsman*

\*FEF McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Program Fellow or Graduate

# History & Culture Brain Bowl Statewide Championship

## *“Hall of Fame”*

**1993-1994**

North Florida Center of Excellence (Lake City)  
Team Name: **Community Fair Action Committee**

**1994-1995**

Atlantic Coast Center of Excellence (Fort Lauderdale)  
Team Name: **Positive Image I**

**1995-1996**

Palm Beach County Center of Excellence (West Palm Beach)  
Team Name: **Glades Central High School**

**1996-1997**

Northwest Florida Center of Excellence (Pensacola)  
Team Name: **Booker T. Washington Griots**

**1997-1998**

Tallahassee Coalition Center of Excellence (Tallahassee)  
Team Name: **Lincoln High School**

**1998-1999**

Northwest Florida Center of Excellence (Pensacola)  
Team Name: **Booker T. Washington Griots**

**1999-2000**

Hillsborough County Center of Excellence (Tampa)  
Team Name: **The Psalms**

**2000-2001**

Northwest Florida Center of Excellence (Pensacola)  
Team Name: **Booker T. Washington Griots**

**2001-2002**

Northwest Florida Center of Excellence (Pensacola)  
Team Name: **Booker T. Washington Griots**

**2002-2003**

Northwest Florida Center of Excellence (Pensacola)  
Team Name: **Booker T. Washington Griots**

**2003-2004**

Atlantic Coast Center of Excellence (Fort Lauderdale)  
Team Name: **Northeast Hurricanes**

**2004-2005**

North Florida Center of Excellence (Lake City)  
Team Name: **C-FAC Brain Bowl Team**

**2005-2006**

Tallahassee Coalition Center of Excellence (Tallahassee)  
Team Name: **Lincoln High School Trojans**

**2006-2007**

Pasco-Hernando Center of Excellence (Dade City)  
Team Name: **The Color of Friendship**

**2007-2008**

Tallahassee Coalition Center of Excellence (Tallahassee)  
Team Name: **Lincoln High School Trojans**

**2008-2009**

Tallahassee Coalition Center of Excellence (Tallahassee)  
Team Name: **Lincoln High School Trojans**

**2009-2010**

UCF-McKnight Center of Excellence (Orlando)  
Team Name: **Products of History**

**2010-2011**

Tallahassee Coalition Center of Excellence (Tallahassee)  
Team Name: **Lincoln High School Trojans**

**2011-2012**

Santa Fe College Center of Excellence (Gainesville)  
Team Name: **Precious Pearls**

**2012-2013**

UCF-McKnight Center of Excellence (Orlando)  
Team Name: **Umojah**

**2013-2014**

Tallahassee Coalition Center of Excellence (Tallahassee)  
Team Name: **Chiles High School**

**2014-2015**

Pasco-Hernando Center of Excellence (Dade City)  
Team Name: **Brain Bombers**

**2015-2016**

Tallahassee Coalition Center of Excellence (Tallahassee)  
Team Name: **Rickards High**

**2016-2017**

South Florida Center of Excellence (Miami)  
Team Name: **T Breds**

**2017-2018**

Tallahassee Coalition Center of Excellence (Tallahassee)  
Team Name: **Lincoln High School**

**2018-2019**

To be determined March 22, 2019

# Brain Bowl Statewide Championship

## *“Hall of Fame”*

### 6th-8th Grade Mathematics

**2012-2013**

Hillsborough County Center of Excellence (Tampa)

Team Name: **The Brainiacs**

**2013-2014**

Atlantic Coast Center of Excellence (Fort Lauderdale)

Team Name: **Phenomenal<sup>5</sup>**

Palm Beach County Center of Excellence (West Palm Beach)

Team Name: **The Mathletes**

**2014-2015**

North Florida Center of Excellence (Lake City)

Team Name: **Mighty Might to the Fifth Power**

**2015-2016**

Pasco-Hernando Center of Excellence (New Port Ritzchey)

Team Name: **Girls to the 5th Power**

**2016-2017**

Atlantic Coast Center of Excellence (Fort Lauderdale)

Team Name: **Math Attack**

**2017-2018**

Atlantic Coast Center of Excellence (Fort Lauderdale)

Team Name: **Math Attack**

**2018-2019**

To be determined March 22, 2019

### 9th-10th Grade Mathematics

**2012-2013**

Palm Beach County Center of Excellence (West Palm Beach)

Team Name: **Charger 1**

**2013-2014**

St. Petersburg College Center of Excellence (St. Petersburg)

Team Name: **Live Free or Pi Hard**

**2014-2015**

Atlantic Coast Center of Excellence (Fort Lauderdale)

Team Name: **XL Inch**

**2015-2016**

Atlantic Coast Center of Excellence (Fort Lauderdale)

Team Name: **Excel Inch**

**2016-2017**

North Florida Center of Excellence (Lake City)

Team Name: **The Irrationals**

**2017-2018**

Palm Beach County Center of Excellence (West Palm Beach)

Team Name: **Brain Master**

**2018-2019**

To be determined March 22, 2019

### 11th-12th Grade Mathematics

**2012-2013**

Palm Beach County Center of Excellence (West Palm Beach)

Team Name: **Team Neutron**

**2013-2014**

North Florida Center of Excellence (Lake City)

Team Name: **Totally Radicals**

**2014-2015**

South Florida Center of Excellence (Miami)

Team Name: **Mighty Mathematicians**

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Santa Fe College Center of Excellence (Gainesville)

Team Name: **SF Math Team**

**2016-2017**

Atlantic Coast Center of Excellence (Fort Lauderdale)

Team Name: **Limitless**

**2017-2018**

Atlantic Coast Center of Excellence (Fort Lauderdale)

Team Name: **Rad 5**

**2018-2019**

To be determined March 22, 2019

### NAS Codes App Challenge

**2016-2017**

South Florida Center of Excellence (Miami)

**2017-2018**

South Florida Center of Excellence (Miami)

**2018-2019**

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## *The Meaning of the NAS Logo*

In African sculpture and the decorative arts, there is an emphasis on symbolism, stylization and design. Oftentimes what may appear crude to the untrained eye is actually quite sophisticated and well conceived.

The National Achievers Society “logo” is true to the African tradition in that it contains symbolism, stylization and design. The logo is styled to reflect symbols that embody African art form and substance.

- ❖ An important pattern that often appears in African art is the **pyramid** or triangular design. It is often utilized as a repeated pattern. The pyramid symbolizes achievement, the pinnacle, with everything leading to the top, the best. The pyramids of Egypt (Africa) represent the historical foundation from which we as a people emerge.
- ❖ The **breaking of the chains** of slavery has a physical and a psychological meaning. Even though the Emancipation Proclamation technically freed us as a people in 1863, many of us remain trapped by an enslaved mind. A liberating educational process unlocks the enormous potential of African American intellect.
- ❖ The **Black silhouette** of a human being symbolizes the unbroken chain of Africans linked to African Americans.
- ❖ The **hand reaching** for the stars in the apex of the logo exemplifies the following quote, “It is not a disgrace not to reach the stars, but it is a disgrace to have no stars to reach for.” --Dr. Benjamin Mays
- ❖ The **atomic symbol** represents technology and the future. Members of the Society will carry forth the best the African American community has to offer in terms of a contribution to the betterment of mankind.
- ❖ The **book** in the lower right hand corner symbolizes learning as a liberating experience. Education has represented the most direct route for upward mobility for African Americans.

The above explanations of the logo will be used in all induction ceremonies. Members of the NAS are expected to live up to the multiple meanings contained in the logo.

## NAS Pledge

I pledge myself to uphold the high purposes of the National Achievers Society into which I have been inducted. I will be true to the principles for which it stands. I will be loyal to my school and the Centers of Excellence and will maintain high standards of excellence in scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

## NAS Litany

I am excellent. I am excellent. I am excellent. My mind is a pearl. I can do anything. Anything that my mind can conceive, I can achieve. Anything that my mind can conceive and my heart can believe, I can achieve. I am excellent. I am excellent. I am a National Achiever!

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Literacy Coach  
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#### EXPLORING THE MANY SHAPES OF MATHEMATICS

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#### BUILDING HEALTHY SELF-ESTEEM

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# About the Centers of Excellence

The Centers of Excellence (COE's or Centers) are community-based entities created to identify and motivate historically underrepresented elementary and secondary students to pursue higher education. Established in 1985, the COE mission includes:

- ✓ Assuming a more proactive stance in the education of youth;
- ✓ Employing a group achievement model for historically underrepresented elementary and secondary students; and
- ✓ Increasing the pool of students who are prepared, motivated and qualified to enter higher education.

The following program requirements have been established by the FEF:

## **National Achievers Society (NAS)**

Designed to identify and acknowledge high achieving students.

- *The Believers Society* - developed to recognize "academic determination" among students who may not meet the requirements of NAS. By recognizing this "academic determination," the FEF believes Believers will become Achievers.

## **Brain Bowl Competitions:**

*History & Culture* - designed to educate youth about the role and contributions of African Americans and other minorities in the United States through the study of college-level literary and historical works that help improve analytical reading skills.

*Mathematics* - designed to increase interest in mathematics and to develop problem-solving ability through challenging problem questions derived from standardized tests.

*Spelling/Word Definition* - designed to enhance reading skills for students in grades 3 through 8 by having them master vocabulary words that will improve their comprehension of elementary and middle school reading material and standardized test questions.

*Laws of Life Essay Contest* - individual writing contest designed to help students improve their writing and critical thinking skills.

*NAS Voices Speech and Oratory Contest* - individual speech writing and oral presentation contest designed to help advance students' public speaking, critical thinking, and writing skills.

*NAS Codes App Challenge* - designed to increase interest in computer science and strengthen logical reasoning and problem solving skills.

## **Academic Enrichment Centers**

Developed in communities to supplement student learning experiences.

## **Association of Achievers Parents**

Developed to formally engage parents in support of COE activities.

## **Affiliation with Local Churches**

Intended to encourage and promote the church as an integral and primary resource in a significant portion of COE activities.

## ***PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS***

✓ More than 21,474 students have been inducted into NAS since 1985.

✓ 100% of NAS seniors graduate from high school, and at least 95% of NAS graduates enroll in institutions of higher learning each year.

✓ Since the Annual Brain Bowl Competitions began in 1985, more than 20,364 students have participated as team members, and 993 students have won college scholarships.

✓ Since 2001, 6,776 students have taken FEF SAT strategies courses, 3,351 have completed FEF intensive summer pre-college and coding programs, and 457 have participated in FEF's CodeMasters After School Program.

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## *ACHIEVERS OF THE YEAR*

Each year, the Directors of the Centers of Excellence honor the Achievers who have maintained focus, achieved excellence, distinguished themselves in leadership, and made a difference in their communities. The Directors have chosen the following students as this year's Achievers of the Year:

**Kemani Nation**  
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# About the Florida Education Fund

The Florida Education Fund (FEF) was funded initially by a major grant from the McKnight Foundation of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and, subsequently, a challenge grant from the Foundation that required matching funds from the State of Florida. As a not-for-profit corporation established in 1987, the FEF has provided an avenue to ensure that educational advancement is possible for individuals who are historically underrepresented in educational arenas. This quasi-public entity, with a statewide mission and national impact, was originally known as the McKnight Programs in Higher Education. At the onset, it was administered by the Florida Association of Colleges and Universities, which served as the forerunner to what is now known as the FEF.

The impact of the FEF's innovative programs and non-traditional approach to enhancing educational outcomes has been demonstrated across various educational levels through the following highly acclaimed programs:

## McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Program

The program was designed to increase the pool of minorities with Ph.D.'s in an effort to diversify college and university faculty. As partner and facilitator, the FEF works with doctoral degree-granting universities to recruit, retain and graduate students pursuing the Ph.D. Each year, the FEF awards up to 50 Fellowships. Since 1984, the FEF has awarded 1,215 Fellowships, and 660 Fellows have received their Ph.D.'s. A total of 382 Fellows are currently matriculating, with the FEF maintaining an outstanding retention rate of 86 percent.

## McKnight Junior Faculty Fellowship Program

The program was intended to encourage excellence in teaching and research by women, African Americans, Hispanics, and Native Americans. To date, the FEF has awarded 226 Fellowships. At least 41 Fellows have obtained tenure, 37 Fellows have completed their doctoral degrees, and 38 Fellows have earned promotions.

## Centers of Excellence

The program was established to identify and motivate historically disadvantaged elementary and secondary students to subscribe to individual and group motivation, academic skill development, cultural enrichment, career awareness and increased exposure to higher education. Ten Centers of Excellence operate throughout the State, and more than 21,474 students have been inducted into the National Achievers Society. More than 20,364 students have participated in the Annual Brain Bowl Competitions in History & Culture, Mathematics, Coding, Writing, Speech and Word Definition.

## Community Partnerships

The FEF's partnership with The College Board and community-based entities around the State enables the FEF to provide supplemental, community-based learning experiences for Florida middle and high school students. Through SAT strategies courses and summer intensive pre-college programs, students improve skills in mathematics, reading, writing and coding; prepare for standardized tests; and enhance their eligibility for acceptance to college. Since 2001, 6,776 students have taken FEF SAT strategies courses, 3,351 have completed FEF intensive summer pre-college and coding programs, and 457 have participated in FEF's CodeMasters After School Program.

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