

# Honor Bowls pit brains against brains



David Prouty High School students reason out a response during the Honor Bowl.

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SPENCER – National Honor Society students representing three area schools showed off their brain power at a recent contest, demonstrating mastery of several subjects.

On March 9, host David Prouty High School squared off against Leicester High School and Auburn High School in an Honor Bowl competition. The Honor Bowl is an academic trivia contest where teams are asked a series of questions in such subjects as literature, math, history and biology.

Each team competed in two matches, and Auburn High School led the way

with a pair of victories. Prouty took their match against top rival LHS, and the three teams came together for a pizza lunch afterward. Teachers from all three schools enjoyed the opportunity to see their students celebrate NHS involvement with an informal competition.

"There were amusing guesses by the competitors, and the schools' positive and vocal cheering sections provided many laughs for everyone involved," said DPHS Principal Elizabeth York, who did her best Alex Trebek impression by reading the questions.

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The David Prouty High School and Auburn High School teams match wits during the Honor Bowl on March 9.



National Honor Society students from Auburn High School discuss a question.

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National Honor Society students and their advisors across the Southern Worcester County League (SWCL) are trying out the Honor Bowl competition this year. The events are quickly gaining popularity

ty across the region, with other matches already taking place in Uxbridge and Millbury.

Officials anticipate the Honor Bowl's continued expansion in the coming years, perhaps to include regular events between the SWCL schools. The idea of a schedule similar to sports teams has

even been discussed, with schools having both home and away matchups.

"If students enjoy the Honor Bowl trials, administrators and advisors may make the competition a permanent part of NHS activities moving forward," York added. "The students

at the Prouty match had a great time, and they would like to try a rematch before the end of the school year. Chances are good that Honor Bowl is here to stay."

For the students, the Honor Bowl is an opportunity to make new friends and enjoy the spirit of competition. It's

especially meaningful for students who don't play on athletic teams and miss the thrill of victory. The three NHS teams at the Prouty match proved that you don't have to be on a field or a court to have an exciting contest.

"Attending the Honor Bowl was a great way for schools to collaborate and

meet people from other schools," said LHS team co-captain Chris Porcaro.

Added LHS teammate Sean McCarthy, "The Honor Bowl was a good way to put the schools head to head in academics rather than athletics – knowledge against knowledge."