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Hanover High School Quiz Bowl goes to Rome

HANOVER, NH – Hanover High School's Quiz Bowl team traveled to Rome, Italy from July 23-31 for the 5th International History Olympiad, a biannual competition presented by International Academic Competitions, held at St. Stephen's School. More than 250 students came from around the world to compete on topics ranging from STEM History to the History of San Marino.

Under the leadership of assistant quiz bowl coach Christopher Helali, the team set out from Hanover with three players who had qualified in the New Hampshire History Bee and Bowl, beating Phillips Exeter Academy in the final, which was hosted by Hanover High School in February 2023.

Recent HHS graduate Luke Szczepiorkowski '23 led the team in the varsity division and rising sophomores Raymond Menkov and Martin Mosdal competed in the junior varsity division. Competition lasted from the morning to the evening with field trips to sites including St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museum, the Colosseum, and the Roman Forum.

Luke achieved glory in the eternal city, taking home a total of 8 medals with an overall bronze medal finish in the varsity division. He competed on team New England to a silver medal finish in the history bowl. He won the gold medal in the varsity Catholic history bee which took place at the Vatican. He also achieved gold in the historical geography bee and the varsity written exam. He took bronze in the knockout, the international history bee world championships, and the battery exam. Martin and Raymond both did very well in the junior varsity division. Overall, New Hampshire came in the top 20 teams in the entire competition.

This historic achievement put Hanover High School on the map in its first ever appearance in the International History Olympiad. The organizing committee warmly congratulated the HHS team and look forward to our participation at the next International History Olympiad tentatively to be held in Vienna, Austria in summer 2025.

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