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## Media Release

### Academic Magnet Captures State Quiz Bowl Championship for First Time

**North Charleston, SC (March 26, 2026)** — Academic Magnet High School has made school history, capturing its first-ever state title at the 2026 National Academic Quiz Tournaments (NAQT) South Carolina State Championship. Competing against 24 of the top quiz bowl teams from across the state, Academic Magnet's A team emerged victorious in a thrilling and hard-fought competition held Saturday, March 21, 2026, at the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

Cameron Erde, Liam Rohrbacher, Aaron Zhu, and James Oliver delivered an outstanding performance throughout the tournament, going undefeated (5-0) in the preliminary rounds and earning a top seed heading into the playoffs. From there, the Raptors defeated the South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics and Dorman High School, then narrowly lost to Heathwood Hall. However, Academic Magnet still earned a berth in the finals, where they edged Southside High School in a best-of-three contest. The Raptors secured the title by winning in sudden-death (the last team to answer correctly won).

Liam Rohrbacher earned a top-10 scorer award, highlighting his contributions to the team's success.

Academic Magnet's B team—Samuel Foppe, Ethan Wang, Tobias Wilson, and Hillary Chang—also represented themselves well, finishing with a 3-5 record against a challenging field.

According to school officials, the teams' achievements reflect the dedication and leadership of Quiz Bowl co-advisors Ije Etikerentse and Kristen Vann.

"These students thoroughly impress us at every turn," Etikerentse shared. "The level, breadth, and depth of their knowledge, their competitive spirit, and their joie de vivre all combine to make them the exceptional team that they are. We are so privileged to be a part of their collective journey. Go Raptors!"

"What an honor to be represented by such intelligent and knowledgeable scholars," added Principal Jacob Perlmutter. "These moments are important because they remind us that our future is in good hands."

This victory marks a new chapter for Academic Magnet High School's Quiz Bowl program and sets a high standard for future competitors.

For more information, contact Principal Jacob Perlmutter at (843) 746-1300.

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