



Seneca Valley School District

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Seneca Valley Students Earn National Honors at AGLOA Tournament

JACKSON TOWNSHIP, PA (May 6, 2026) – Seneca Valley senior Arvand Esni and sixth grader Madison Tunstall brought home major honors at the recent Academic Games League of America (AGLOA) National Tournament in Charlotte, North Carolina. Esni was named a 2026 AGLOA Outstanding Senior, the first Seneca Valley student to win the prestigious recognition. Tunstall captured the national championship in Equations, leading a strong showing by Seneca Valley's youngest competitors at the national level.

Overall, Seneca Valley students delivered impressive performances across all divisions of the competition. At the junior/senior level, Maddox Grupp earned ninth place in both Propaganda and Current Events and helped lead a team to a second-place finish in Current Events alongside Esni and Michael Kravec. Heath Lyon placed fifth in Theme, correctly answering 29 of 30 questions.

In the elementary division, Seneca Valley students also earned second-place team finishes in both Theme and Current Events. Maddie Montgomery contributed to both teams, alongside Josh Jacobs in Current Events and Quinn Vogan in Theme, competing with other regional students. Individually, Montgomery placed ninth in Propaganda, while Nora Grider earned a 10th-place finish in Current Events.

The middle division was represented by eight students, led by Emily Browne, who earned a ninth-place individual finish in Propaganda.

In total, 35 Seneca Valley students participated in the national competition, representing the district with excellence, teamwork and academic dedication.

“Academic Games challenges students to think critically, collaborate effectively, and apply their knowledge in meaningful ways,” said Seneca Valley Academic Games advisor Mike Stebbins. “We are incredibly proud of these students for their success and for representing Seneca Valley so well on the national stage.”

The Academic Games League of America is a series of competitive academic events for students across the country, culminating in a national championship tournament each spring. According to their website, Academic Games challenges participants to apply higher-order thinking skills in mathematics, language arts and social studies, encouraging critical thinking, strategy and academic excellence.

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