



## Okaloosa County Academic Team Named State Runner-Up

The Okaloosa County Academic Team, Team Okaloosa, competed recently at the Commissioner's Academic Challenge (State Academic Team Tournament) at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. "The team finished as State Runner-Up for Division 2 which was a huge accomplishment for the team," said Coach Carol Bernich.

According to the [Commissioner's Academic Challenge](#) website, the competition is a highly academic statewide high school tournament that began in 1986. Districts are placed in three divisions based on the fall FTE summary provided by the Florida Department of Education. Each team consists of six members (a maximum of four players during each of the three rounds and two alternates) and a coach. A maximum of six teams may compete in one competition round. This is not a quick response, "Trivial Pursuit" contest. Instead, it is a slower-paced tournament in which players are asked questions from the areas of language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, the fine arts, world languages (French and Spanish) physical education, health, and technology. The questions are written by educators from high schools throughout the state.

Congratulations to Team Okaloosa and their coaches!

**Coaches:** Carol Bernich, Dr. Mike Mosley, Julie Mosley

### Team Members:

- Riley Beaulieu
- Alexsander Jones
- Mason Newman
- Elijah Suh
- Ryan Erickson
- Joshua Mills
- Liam Ordner
- Caroline Seeling
- Collin McGovern

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