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**STUDENT COMPETITION IN WORLD AFFAIRS THIS SATURDAY**

Twelve student teams from five local high schools will be at their computers Saturday, February 27 at 9:00 am to test their knowledge of world affairs in the annual Academic World Quest competition.

Sponsored for nearly two decades by the Naples Council on World Affairs (NCWA) in cooperation with the World Affairs Councils of America (WACA), the competition challenges students to answer multiple-choice questions taken from 10 categories relating to important events in the world. The categories and questions change annually. This year, students will ponder questions on the Arab Spring, the U.S. Foreign Service and the post-pandemic economy, among others.

The School Outreach Committee of the Naples Council offers the program to Collier County youth in keeping with its mission to educate, inspire and engage the community in international affairs and crucial global issues. A reference guide issued by WACA helps students and their teacher-coaches study for the competition.

In past years, the competition has taken place in a school auditorium with all teams present. However, this year, because of COVID protocols, it will be conducted virtually. With the cooperation of Collier County Public Schools administrators, the test will be synchronously presented over a WebEx network using a [MyQuiz.org](http://MyQuiz.org) application.

Traditionally, the Naples Council has offered the winning high school team an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. to participate in the national championships. Again, this year is different. The top three teams in our local competition will have the chance to compete in the virtual national championships at the end of April.

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