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Dear Faculty Member,

To follow up on our recent contact, the World Affairs Council would like to extend an invitation to your school to participate in the 2011 national Academic WorldQuest Competition. This program will be held at the University of Montana in Missoula on **Tuesday, February 28th, 2012.**

Academic WorldQuest is a team competition developed by the World Affairs Councils of America. The event is designed to test competitors' knowledge of international affairs, geography, history, current affairs, world economy, international organizations, and more.

Since 2005, the Montana World Affairs Council has organized the Academic WorldQuest Competition in Missoula each spring. The program has grown from three to more than 53 high school teams from around the state, making it the 3rd largest AWQ in the nation. For the 2012 competition, with Missoula's Mayor John Engen as the Master of Ceremonies, the World Affairs Council hopes to include even more teams from schools large and small.

The winning team from Montana's Academic WorldQuest competition will be sent to Washington, DC to represent our state at the national level, competing with high school teams from around the country. This exciting trip is made possible by a generous grant from the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation. In recent years, the 2007 Montana WorldQuest team from Hellgate High School took an impressive 2nd place finish at the national competition and the Billings Skyview team placed 4th in 2009 (see enclosed letter).

The Montana World Affairs Council, founded in 2000 by Ambassador Mark Johnson (Ret.), is a non-profit and non-partisan organization dedicated to fostering global awareness throughout our state. The Council organizes lectures, educational programs, and community events on international issues. We would be delighted to work with you in establishing an Academic WorldQuest team from your school.

Early registration ends **December 15th**. Pledge a team before this deadline to receive the early registration discount. The final registration deadline is **January 20th**. *All Academic WorldQuest information and registration forms can be found on our website at www.montanaworldaffairs.org.*

If you are interested in the WorldQuest competition, please add wacmt@montanaworldaffairs.org to your email *safe list* and respond to this email to indicate that you have received it. Also, for questions or inquiries, we can be reached by telephone at **(406) 728-3328**.

Sincerely,

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Sample Academic WorldQuest Competition Questions

The following questions were used in the 2011 competition. This sample is created to provide students with an idea of the types of questions that are included at the competition. Students are not asked to memorize information; rather they are expected to study general trends, outliers and important themes. All competition questions are drawn directly from sources found on the study guide provided.

To view more sample questions, 2012 categories and the study guide, visit www.montanaworldaffairs.org

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AROUND THE GLOBE

Q: Corporate & Policy Communications Director for Google, Bob Boorstin, argues that the “debate between security and free expression is going to broaden into a debate between security, free expression, and _____.”

- A. Economic Growth**
- B. The certainty that there is only uncertainty
- C. Who controls diplomacy
- D. Surveillance

Source: <http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/NewInfo> (48:00 – 48:15)

GLOBAL HEALTH

Q: What is the number one cause of death worldwide in children under the age of 5?

- A. AIDS
- B. Diarrhea
- C. Pneumonia
- D. Neonatal care**

Source: <http://www.gatesfoundation.org/annual-letter/2010/Pages/childrens-health-poor-countries.aspx>

Q: This disease fell to fewer than 3,000 cases a year - a 99% reduction in 20 years - but getting rid of the last 1% is the hardest part of eradicating what disease?

- A. Tuberculosis
- B. Malaria
- C. Polio**
- D. Smallpox

Source: <http://www.gatesfoundation.org/annual-letter/2010/Pages/polio-eradication-progress.aspx>



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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS / GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

- Q: Which two institutions were established pursuant to the 1944 Bretton Woods conference?
- A. European Central Bank, Asian Development Bank
 - B. International Monetary Fund, World Bank**
 - C. World Trade Organization, International Panel on Climate Change
 - D. United Nations, North American Treaty Organization

Source: http://www.cfr.org/publication/18985/global_governance_monitor.html, *Issue Brief for Global Finance*

EUROPE

- Q: In 2009, the EU was ranked _____ among the world's largest economic entities.
- A. First**
 - B. Second
 - C. Third
 - D. Fourth

Source: http://www.acus.org/files/publication_pdf/403/ACUS_TripleCrown_SAGIB.pdf (page 5)

ENERGY

- Q: Which of the following sources of energy does NOT emit greenhouse gases?
- A. Oil
 - B. Nuclear power**
 - C. Gas
 - D. Biofuels

Source: *Energy Security in the 21st Century: Facts, Choices, and Challenges*, p.22

WORLD RELIGION

- Q: After the Ottoman defeat in World War I, this country established itself as a secular democracy and remains that way today, even with 97 percent of its population identifying as Muslim.
- A. Turkey**
 - B. Bahrain
 - C. Oman
 - D. Indonesia

Source: <http://berkeleycenter.georgetown.edu/countries/turkey>

FRANCE

- Q: While the country is commonly known as France, the country's official name is _____.
- A. The French Republic**
 - B. The Francais Nationale
 - C. The Republic of France
 - D. The Democratic Commonwealth of Francais

Source: *U.S. Department of State, Country Background*