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Riverwatch Middle School Wins 2026 PAGE Academic Bowl For Middle Grades State Championship

Forsyth County's Riverwatch Middle School won top honors for the second consecutive year at the 2026 PAGE Academic Bowl for Middle Grades State Championship competition. The team captured the title at the event on Saturday, March 28, 2026, at Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville.

During the morning session of the event, 22 semifinalist teams from across the state competed in a round-robin competition. Eight teams emerged as finalists and competed against each other in the afternoon single-elimination competition session. Riverwatch's team members are: David Bai, Doris Bai, Shreyas Devagupthapu, Vihan Devagupthapu, Suchet Kuturu, Nathan Li, Pranav Sivakumar, Cameron Vance, and Presley Vance. Ann Hicks and Laura Jopling coach the team.

All eight teams competing in the final rounds earned medals and awards. Other award-winning teams include:

- Second Place: River Trail Middle School of Fulton County School System, coached by Kassie Dooley-Smith, Amanda Singletary, and Carrie Woehler.
- Third Place: South Forsyth Middle School of the Forsyth County School District, coached by Stephanie Chanoski.
- Fourth Place: Lost Mountain Middle School of the Cobb County School District, coached by Jennifer Dawson.
- Fifth Place: The Westminster Schools, an independent school in Atlanta, coached by Jon Hathorn, and Dr. Robert Cochran.
- Sixth Place: Stallings Island Middle School of the Columbia County School District, coached by Deborah Hundt and Elizabeth Ngo.

- Seventh Place: Richards Middle School of the Muscogee County School District, coached by Andrea Bingham.
- Eighth Place: Autrey Mill Middle School of the Fulton County School System, coached by Autumn Scott, and Gabrielle Puckett.

“It takes skill and cooperation to create a successful academic bowl team, and all the students who participated in the state championship competition should be proud of that accomplishment,” said PAGE Executive Director Craig Harper. “We understand the months of study and hard work exhibited by these students and their coaches, and we applaud them. We also appreciate the support of parents and school administrators, all of whom contributed to the success of each team. Finally, I’d like to thank GCSU and the Collegiate Middle Level Association (CMLA) for hosting our competition at this outstanding university.”

The PAGE Academic Bowl features teams of middle school students fielding questions in subjects such as history, mathematics, science, current events, and the performing arts. Opposing teams compete against the clock to answer toss-up and bonus questions in order to score points. The goal of the program is to inspire students to excel academically, to enhance student self-confidence and self-esteem through high achievement, and to develop both a team and competitive spirit.

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