



**Hosted by the Alaska World Affairs Council  
Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center  
Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 5:30pm – 9:00pm**

### **What is WorldQuest?**

Academic WorldQuest is a team competition testing students' knowledge of global issues. Over 40 local World Affairs Councils host the competition across the country. The winning team from each local competition is then invited to participate in the National Competition hosted in Washington, D.C. each April. Competition questions are created using information from articles listed in the official study guide created by the World Affairs Councils of America and the *Great Decisions* guide provided to each team.

### **Who can participate?**

All high school students are invited to participate in Academic WorldQuest. Students compete in teams of four. A teacher at each high school typically organizes student teams and coordinates study and practice time. Students in home school programs as well as students at schools without an organized Academic WorldQuest program are encouraged to participate by creating their own teams and finding a teacher or parent to coach their team.

### **Does it cost anything to participate?**

For student teams, participation is free thanks to our generous sponsors. Schools will be provided with the *Great Decisions* guide as well as a study guide prepared by the World Affairs Councils of America to prepare. The competition will follow a reception with heavy appetizers.

There will be a limited amount of space for adults to participate in the competition alongside the students. Visit our web site for information about costs and availability.

### **2016 – 2017 Categories:**

- Current Events
- *Great Decisions*
- Peace and Conflict in Today's World
- Combating Infectious Disease
- The European Union
- Countering Violent Extremism
- Turkey
- Global Megacities
- China
- Women in Technology

## COMPETITION GUIDELINES

### **Schedule** *\*\*Subject to change\*\**

5:00pm – 5:30pm	Student Check-in
5:30pm – 6:30pm	Student Reception
6:45pm – 7:00pm	Opening Remarks, Instructions, & Practice Round
7:00pm – 8:30pm	Competition
8:30pm – 9:00pm	Winners Announced & Closing Remarks

### **Team Standards:**

1. There will be only one team per table.
2. Each team may have up to four players; no more than four people may sit at a table. Each team will need to select a team captain to take charge of the clicker and enter the team's answers.
3. All points are awarded to the teams, not individual players.
4. The student team with the most total points at the end of Round 5 wins First Place and goes to the National competition in Washington April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
5. Teams that are tied for 1st place at the end of the final round will play a tiebreaker.

### **General Rules**

1. There is no deduction for wrong answers – if a team is not certain, guess.
2. Any team found with an atlas, dictionary, almanac, using a smart phone or other device or any other unacceptable means of “assistance” will be immediately disqualified from the competition.
3. If a team wishes to challenge an answer, please approach the Court of Last Resort, aka front stage, at the end of the round being played.
4. Awards ceremony: Once the winners have collected their trophy from the front stage, they should stick around immediately following the conclusion of the competition to take photos.
5. Discussion with teammates about the questions and answer options is encouraged. However, please be courteous of neighboring teams and keep discussions quiet.
6. Teams should remain quiet after each answer has been submitted as other teams may still be considering their answer and need to concentrate.

### **Round Proceedings:**

- There are a total of 5 scoring rounds with 10 questions per round.
- Your clicker will already be turned on. If the light does not illuminate when you press a button, please inform the WorldQuest organizers.
- The questions will be read by the emcee and projected onto the screens.
- Teams will have 30 seconds to answer each question.
- Timing begins when the question is read.
- Each question is worth one point.
- The team captain, aka clicker operator, will enter the team's answer (letter A, B, C, or D). Please be careful not to accidentally press another key before the 30 second window has finished.
- Teams may change their answer within the 30 second window by pressing the key for the corresponding answer (letter A, B, C, or D), they would like to submit.
- Scores will be calculated and displayed after each round.

## OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

### Check-in:

- Student teams should be established before checking-in, as each team will be assigned a table and clicker. If you are not certain who is on your team, please ask your teacher before approaching the check-in table.
- Schools with multiple teams should assign each team a number (1-4) for easy identification.
- Adult participants should provide their name at check-in. A volunteer will provide each team with a clicker and show you to your table. If you registered as an individual adult, you will be assigned to a team with other adults.
- Each participant will receive a raffle ticket. This ticket is for prize drawings between rounds. It is NOT a food/drink ticket.
- Participants are encouraged to mingle and enjoy appetizers in the reception area. There will be time to find the team table between the reception and the competition.

### Chaperones, Parents, & Other Non-Participants:

- **Official team chaperones** will be given one complimentary ticket to observe the competition.
- There will be a limited amount of space for **adults to participate** in the competition alongside the students. Visit our web site for information about costs and availability.
- Parents and the general public are invited to purchase tickets for the reception. Visit our web site for information about costs and availability. There will also be space for parent observers during the actual competition.
- Please be respectful of the teams and remain quiet during each round. Disruptive people may be asked to leave or wait in the lobby.

### Resources & Study Materials:

- WACA Study Guide: <http://bit.ly/2fkIFPE>
- Alaska World Affairs Council WorldQuest information & application: <http://www.alaskaworldaffairs.org/students/worldquest/>
- 2013 Alaska WorldQuest video: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x\\_LZmuJogS8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x_LZmuJogS8)
- Previous Alaska WorldQuest questions & answers for practice: <http://www.alaskaworldaffairs.org/students/worldquest/>

### Supporting WorldQuest:

- Make a donation. <http://www.alaskaworldaffairs.org/>
- Encourage your company to become an event sponsor of WorldQuest! Contact Deputy Director, Alyssa Bish at [alyssa.bish@alaskaworldaffairs.org](mailto:alyssa.bish@alaskaworldaffairs.org) or (907)276-8038 for details.
- For information about supporting WorldQuest, visit our web site: <http://www.alaskaworldaffairs.org/students/worldquest/>

### **Questions? Concerns? Contact us!**

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