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OVER SEVENTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO COMPETE ON "SCHOLASTIC SCRIMMAGE" ON PENN STATE PUBLIC BROADCASTING

UNIVERSITY PARK, PA (October 7, 2005) – More than seventy high schools will compete in the 2005--2006 season of Penn State Public Broadcasting's (PSPB) fast-paced production of "**Scholastic Scrimmage.**" Premiering **October 20 at 9:00 p.m. on WPSX-TV**, "Scholastic Scrimmage" is broadcast weekly Thursdays at 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 6:00 p.m. The academic quiz bowl, now in its third season, is hosted by David Price.

"We are thrilled to see the growth in participation in 'Scholastic Scrimmage' by central Pennsylvania area school districts and high schools, from 25 teams the first season to 73 teams this year," said Babs Bengtson, PSPB director of educational services. "Education is an important part of Penn State Public Broadcasting's mission and this weekly production highlights academic achievement from around the region."

Berlin Brothersvalley versus Newport and Kane versus Muncy are featured at 9:00 p.m. October 20. East Juniata versus Redbank Valley and Greater Johnstown versus Punxsutawney are featured at 6:00 p.m. October 22. Blacklick Valley versus Shade-Central City and Brookville versus Chestnut Ridge match up at 9:00 p.m. October 27. Penn Cambria versus Purchase Line and Tussey Mountain versus Westmont Hilltop play October 29 at 6:00 p.m.

Run much like athletic playoff, each participating school district will field a team of four students and one alternate in grades nine through twelve. Two school teams will face off for thirty-minutes, with four teams featured in each hour-long program. After all teams have participated once, the winning team from each pairing in the first round moves to a second round and so on until only two teams meet for a special championship episode. This is the third season for the popular PSPB production.

"One of Penn State Public Broadcasting's major goals is to build strong educational services for Pre-K-12 in central Pennsylvania," said Bengtson. "Our services

include our Great Teacher's Essay Contest, early childhood learning readiness programs, a video on demand service, and 'Scholastic Scrimmage,' which does several things. It bolsters academic excellence and school pride across central Pennsylvania. It features the achievements of the young competitors in the studio. It allows our viewing audience to test their knowledge against the questions, which are academically challenging and thought provoking."

Penn State Public Broadcasting, WPSX-TV produces over 300 hours a year of local productions about central Pennsylvania. The station broadcasts a 24-hour program schedule reaching 29 counties in central Pennsylvania and southern New York.

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"Scholastic Scrimmage" Broadcast Schedule - 2005
Penn State Public Broadcasting
All broadcasts subject to change

Thursday, Oct 20 at 9:00 p.m. -- Berlin Brothersvalley vs. Newport
Thursday, Oct 20 at 9:30 p.m. -- Kane vs. Muncy

Saturday, Oct 22 at 6:00 p.m. -- East Juniata vs. Redbank Valley
Saturday, Oct 22 at 6:30 p.m. -- Greater Johnstown vs. Punxsutawney

Thursday, Oct 27 at 9:00 p.m. -- Blacklick Valley vs. Shade-Central City
Thursday, Oct 27 at 9:30 p.m. -- Brookville vs. Chestnut Ridge

Saturday, Oct 29 at 6:00 p.m. -- Penn Cambria vs. Purchase Line
Saturday, Oct 29 at 6:30 p.m. -- Tussey Mountain vs. Westmont Hilltop

Thursday, Nov 3 at 9:00 p.m. -- Johnsonburg vs. Shanksville-Stonycreek
Thursday, Nov 3 at 9:30 p.m. -- Bishop McCort vs. Conemaugh Township

Thursday, Nov 10 at 9:00 p.m. -- Laurel Valley vs. Ridgway
Thursday, Nov 10 at 9:30 p.m. -- Tyrone vs. United

Saturday, Nov 12 at 6:00 p.m. -- Curwensville vs. Port Allegany
Saturday, Nov 12 at 6:30 p.m. -- Everett vs. South Williamsport

Thursday, Nov 17 at 9:00 p.m. -- Clearfield vs. Oswayo Valley
Thursday, Nov 17 at 9:30 p.m. -- Huntingdon vs. Montoursville

Saturday, Nov 19 at 6:00 p.m. -- Glendale vs. Otto-Eldred
Saturday, Nov 19 at 6:30 p.m. -- Lewistown vs. St. Marys

Saturday, Nov 26 at 6:00 p.m. -- Austin vs. Bishop Neumann
Saturday, Nov 26 at 6:30 p.m. -- Coudersport vs. Rocky Grove

Thursday, Dec 1 at 8:00 p.m. -- Claysburg-Kimmel vs. Conemaugh Valley
Thursday, Dec 1 at 8:30 p.m. -- Central vs. Philipsburg-Osceola

Thursday, Dec 8 at 8:00 p.m. -- Forest Hills vs. Moshannon Valley
Thursday, Dec 8 at 8:30 p.m. -- Bradford vs. Indian Valley

Thursday, Dec 15 at 8:00 p.m. -- Galeton vs. Harmony
Thursday, Dec 15 at 8:30 p.m. -- Bellefonte vs. Juniata

Thursday, Dec 22 at 9:00 p.m. -- Loyalsock Township vs. Penns Manor
Thursday, Dec 22 at 9:30 p.m. -- Bald Eagle vs. Hollidaysburg

Saturday, Dec 24 at 6:00 p.m. -- Loyalsock Township vs. Penns Manor
Saturday, Dec 24 at 6:30 p.m. -- Bald Eagle vs. Hollidaysburg

Thursday, Jan 5 at 9:00 p.m. -- Marion Center vs. Smethport
Thursday, Jan 5 at 9:30 p.m. -- Central Mountain vs. DuBois

Saturday, Jan 7 at 6:00 p.m. -- Marion Center vs. Smethport
Saturday, Jan 7 at 6:30 p.m. -- Central Mountain vs. DuBois

Thursday, Jan 12 at 9:00 p.m.. - Cambria Heights vs. Penns Valley
Thursday, Jan 12 at 9:30 p.m.. - Altoona vs. State College

Saturday, Jan 14 at 6:00 p.m.. - Cambria Heights vs. Penns Valley
Saturday, Jan 14 at 6:30 p.m.. - Altoona vs. State College

Thursday, Jan 19 at 9:00 p.m. -- Bellwood-Antis vs. Rockwood
Thursday, Jan 19 at 9:30 p.m. -- Bucktail vs. Ferndale

Saturday, Jan 21 at 6:00 p.m. -- Bellwood-Antis vs. Rockwood
Saturday, Jan 21 at 6:30 p.m. -- Bucktail vs. Ferndale

Thursday, Jan 26 at 9:00 p.m. -- Northern Bedford Co. vs. Oil City
Thursday, Jan 26 at 9:30 p.m. -- Bedford vs. Hyndman

Saturday, Jan 28 at 6:00 p.m. -- Northern Bedford Co. vs. Oil City
Saturday, Jan 28 at 6:30 p.m. -- Bedford vs. Hyndman