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PIN OAK MIDDLE SCHOOL WINS 4th ANNUAL TEXAS QUIZ SHOW

AUSTIN, TEXAS, July 31, 2009 — Houston's Pin Oak Middle School topped the competition at the Texas Quiz Show history tournament at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum. Houston ISD's Pin Oak team of Kevin Dwyer, Seth Uzman, Hijab Nomani, Shahryar Mannsoor and Ciros Mazloom bested Northside ISD's Stevenson Middle School in the seventh and final match of the day. The Pin Oak team was coached by history teachers Ray Frankum and John Gomez.

A total of seven schools from across the state competed in half-hour matches; the other schools fielding teams were Anderson-Shiro Junior High (Anderson-Shiro CISD), Baker Middle School (Corpus Christi ISD), Cross Timbers Middle School (Grapevine-Colleyville ISD), Tennyson Middle School (Waco ISD), and West Ridge Middle School (Eanes ISD). The Texas Quiz Show State Tournament is co-sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association and is normally held in conjunction with Texas History Day, a yearlong education program that culminates in an annual state-level history fair for students in grades six through twelve sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association. The State Tournament was delayed this year because of the Swine Flu outbreak in May. "Fortunately, the majority of students were still able to attend, despite the rescheduled competition taking place in the middle of their summer break!" noted Steve Cure, who also acted as host for the 2009 Tournament. "Holding the Quiz Show in July really proved how committed these students are. They took time out of their summer vacation to practice and study. That shows real dedication to Texas history."

The Texas Quiz Show tournament was videotaped for future broadcast. DVDs of the event will be available from the Texas Quiz Show website, www.TexasQuizShow.com.

Sponsors of the Texas Quiz Show include the Texas General Land Office Save Texas History Program, the *Texas Almanac*, the Summerfield G. Roberts Foundation of Dallas, and the Texas State Historical Association. For more information, please visit the Texas Quiz Show website www.TexasQuizShow.com.

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To arrange interviews with Texas Quiz Show organizers or participating students and teachers and to obtain photographs, please contact Stephen Cure at SteveCure@TSHAonline.org or 940-369-5200.