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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE –

SCHOLASTIC BOWL COMPETITION SET TO BEGIN

AKRON, NEW YORK (January 4, 2022) – With several teaser announcements with quiz-show challenge questions, Scholastic Bowl Coach Mr. David Meli has his team for the 2022 Scholastic Bowl season. The team will kick off the in-person competition at Genesee Community College on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 6:00PM at the college’s television studio, One College Road, Batavia, with Akron pitted against Notre Dame, Alden and Pembroke in the team’s season opener.

Eleven teams from area high schools including Akron, Pembroke, Alexander, Oakfield-Alabama, Attica, Alden, Notre Dame, Elba, Batavia, LeRoy, and Pavilion will compete in this year’s league, celebrating thirty-three years of competition at the college. In 2021, due to the pandemic, Akron still competed, but virtually.

Coach Meli, high school history teacher at Akron Schools, begins his ninth year as the team’s coach, leading Akron’s finest scholars against top students from other area schools in the region’s radio league on WLVL and television league held at Genesee Community College. This year’s team consists of returning players Jillian Baltzley, Will Chubb, Samantha Kern, Shea Masse, Sarah Orr, Emerson Polkowski, Megan Schweigert, and Lauren Wagner. New competitors include Aubri Baltzley, Emma-Marie Forrestel, Alexis Hoffman, Matt Kalinowski, Anna Leeds, Ella Liss, Evan Liss, Hunter Sears, Cooper Shreves, Isabella Smith, Peter Sokolofsky, and Evan Wieszala.

The Scholastic Bowl Competition can be streamed from the Genesee Valley Educational Partnership’s Ustream site at <https://www.ustream.tv/embed/23627049?html5ui>. Akron’s matches are scheduled for 6:00PM or 7:00PM. Competition dates are as follows:

Wednesday, January 5, 2022	6:00PM	Akron vs. Notre Dame, Alden & Pembroke
Wednesday, January 12, 2022	6:00PM	Akron vs. Elba & Batavia
Thursday, January 20, 2022	7:00PM	Akron vs. LeRoy
Wednesday, January 26, 2022	6:00PM	Akron vs. Oakfield-Alabama & Pavilion
Wednesday, February 9, 2022	6:00PM	Akron vs. Alexander & Attica

Wednesday, February 16, 2022	6:00PM	Semi-Finals - TBA
Thursday, February 17, 2022	6:00PM	Finals & Awards Ceremony - TBA

The team will also compete in a radio league at WLVL AM 1340/FM 105.3 in Lockport. Competing schools are Akron, Starpoint, Medina, Royalton-Hartland, Niagara Falls, Wilson, Lockport and North Tonawanda. Competition dates are as follows:

Tuesday, January 11, 2022	5:00PM	Akron vs. Roy-Hart & Starpoint
Friday, January 21, 2022	5:00PM	Akron vs. Niagara Falls & N. Tonawanda
Tuesday, January 25, 2022	5:00PM	Akron vs. N. Tonawanda & Roy-Hart
Friday, January 28, 2022	5:00PM	Akron vs. Lockport & Medina
Tuesday, February 1, 2022	5:00PM	Akron vs. Starpoint & N. Tonawanda
Friday, February 11, 2022	5:00PM	Akron vs. Medina & Roy-Hart
Thursday, February 17, 2022	5:00PM	Akron vs. Medina & Niagara Falls
Tuesday, March 1, 2022	5:00PM	Akron vs. N. Tonawanda & Wilson
Friday, March 11, 2022	5:00PM	Akron vs. Lockport & Wilson

Playoffs begin March 16th followed by semi-final matches and then the finals on April 1st.

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