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**MORE THAN EIGHTY SCHOOLS COMPETE
IN "SCHOLASTIC SCRIMMAGE" ON WPSU-TV**

Local high school students showcase their knowledge on WPSU-TV

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. (October 16, 2006) – More than 80 central Pennsylvania high schools will compete in the 2006-2007 season of WPSU-TV's fast-paced production of "**Scholastic Scrimmage**." Premiering **October 21 at 6 p.m. on WPSU-TV**, "Scholastic Scrimmage" is broadcast weekly Saturdays and Sundays at 6 p.m. The academic quiz bowl is now in its fourth season.

"This tournament has been a great way for schools to get involved with an academic challenge and it's a great way for us to provide an outlet for academic excellence," said Jerry Sawyer, producer of the show. "And it's a lot of fun both for us and for the students and their coaches."

From Bradford in the north to Bedford in the south, and from Oil City in the west to Milton in the east, schools competing in the fourth season of "Scholastic Scrimmage" hail from all 29 counties in WPSU's viewing area.

"There are great educational benefits that result from this academic contest," said Jessica DeArment, "Scholastic Scrimmage" coordinator. "The students gain confidence through their practices and during the games. You can really see their poise and esteem grow as the season progresses."

"Scholastic Scrimmage" is a fast-paced question and answer game. In each match, two teams compete to showcase their knowledge, recall and reflexes. Each "Scholastic Scrimmage" team is composed of four students and one alternate in grades nine through 12. Two schools face off for 30 minutes, with four teams featured in each hour-long program. Run much like an athletic playoff, winning teams from each competition may move on to the next round, with rounds and eliminations continuing until only two teams meet for a special Grand Championship episode.

Fans of the program can test their knowledge at home not only during the show, but also by visiting the game's Web site at www.wpsu.org/scholasticscrimmage/ and playing the online version of the game. Also available at the site are archives of each program. Shows can be streamed by modem or broadband to view any episode that has previously aired. Online, fans can also find a scrapbook of the students who have competed in the show, along with this year's schedule.

"Scholastic Scrimmage" continues WPSU-TV's commitment to present programming that is both entertaining and educational. The competitive format of "Scholastic Scrimmage" is one of the most effective ways to make learning fun and to shine a spotlight on some of the brightest young people in local schools.

WPSU serves central Pennsylvania with programming, educational services and community outreach. Its public media services produce, acquire and distribute programs that address local interests and reflect the diverse cultural, political, geographic and demographic characteristics of an audience within central Pennsylvania.

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"Scholastic Scrimmage" Broadcast Schedule on WPSU-TV

All broadcasts subject to change, visit wpsu.org/scholasticscrimmage for updated listings

6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21: DuBois vs. State College/Mount Union vs. South Williamsport

6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 22: Hollidaysburg vs. Indian Valley/Kane vs. Shanksville-Stonycreek

6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28: Altoona vs. Central Mountain/Cameron County vs. Curwensville

6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 29: Newport vs. Rockwood/Bellefonte vs. Greater Johnstown

6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4: Clearfield vs. St. Marys/Conemaugh Township vs. Redbank Valley

6 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 5: Bucktail vs. Shade-Central City/Moshannon Valley vs. Purchase Line

6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11: Juniata vs. Montoursville/Northern Bedford Co. vs. Port Allegany

6 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 12: Penn Cambria vs. Tyrone/Berlin Brothersvalley vs. Smethport

6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18: Bedford vs. Central/Coudersport vs. Glendale

6 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 19: United vs. Westmont Hilltop/Conemaugh Valley vs. Johnsonburg

6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 25: Chestnut Ridge vs. Tussey Mountain/Claysburg-Kimmel vs. Otto-Eldred

6 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 26: Brookville vs. Penns Manor/Ferndale vs. Oswayo Valley

6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2: Forest Hills vs. Penns Valley/Lewistown vs. Punxsutawney

6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 6: Bishop McCort vs. Muncy/Rocky Grove vs. St. John Neumann

6 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 7: Cambria Heights vs. Clarion-Limestone/Austin vs. Harmony

6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 13: Everett vs. Homer-Center/Bellwood-Antis vs. Southern Fulton

6 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 14: Loyalsock Township vs. Marion Center/Blacklick Valley vs. Meyersdale

6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20: East Juniata vs. Bradford/Clarion vs. Laurel Valley

6 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 21: Northern Potter vs. Sheffield/Galeton vs. Hyndman

6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27: Somerset vs. West Perry/Huntingdon vs. Indiana

6 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 28: Milton vs. Oil City