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Ludington High School Students Win Televised Quiz Competition

Ludington High School students come out victorious in a close match with Roscommon High School on WCMU's "Quiz Central"

Season 16 of WCMU Public Media's television quiz bowl show "Quiz Central" came to a close on Wednesday, April 14 with the championship game between Ludington High School and Roscommon High School. Students from Ludington defeated Roscommon with a close victory of 290 to 270 points.

"Ludington was excited to have the opportunity to play Quiz Central," says Ludington coach Amber Nasson. "It was a fun season, and we appreciated the sense of normalcy it provided us in an abnormal year." The winning championship team of Ludington students included Emily Swist, Olivia Hill, Aidan deMorrow, and Lindy Murphy.

While each team demonstrated their impressive knowledge throughout the competition, equally impressive was the adaptability and resilience of all teams this season. Adapting to a virtual format—instead of being recorded in person within the WCMU Public Media television studio—brought new challenges, but also a new appreciation for the season being able to take place.

"Although competing in a manner where you do not see your opponents in real time was very different than we are used to, we would take it over the alternative of cancellation in light of the virus," says Roscommon coach Jim Perialas. Roscommon was represented by students Jackson Thiel, Alex Thiel, MacArthur (Mac) Schultz, and Connor McNamara.

Sixteen teams of Michigan high school students rose to the challenge of participating despite COVID-19, competing head-to-head to advance through rounds of the competition. Weekly episodes aired from January through April, hosted by WCMU Public Media's Matthew Ozanich.

“Quiz Central” Season 16 episodes can be found online at <https://video.wcmu.org/show/quiz-central/>.

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