



Keynote:

*Ben Lacina,
The Value
of Academic
Competition*

Ben Lacina will be sharing how his experience in Knowledge Bowl made a difference in his life and in the lives of the thousands of students he has mentored.

Ben, the Teaching and Learning Specialist for K-12 Talent Development at Anoka-Hennepin Public Schools, is a huge supporter of academic challenge opportunities, particularly Knowledge Bowl. Ben was a high school participant in Knowledge Bowl and has coached at the middle school and junior high levels.

Ben's accomplishments include founding Musical Director and Director of Education and Outreach for the Youth Arts Initiative, member of the Educational Advisory Board for the Ordway Center for Performing Arts, and the recipient of the 2009 Ordway Center Education Award for Community Commitment.

Presenters:

Joyce Baumann

Joyce Baumann has been a teacher at Cold Spring Elementary for the past 19 years. She currently teaches kindergarten and gets her "big kid fix" by working with the fifth and sixth graders in the elementary Knowledge Bowl program. She has been coaching Knowledge Bowl for 18 years and was recognized by the WEM Foundation as an outstanding academic challenge coach in Minnesota for 2013. Joyce was a 2011 Minnesota Teacher of the Year Finalist and was recently selected as an NEA Master Teacher. Joyce and her husband Tadd have four children ages 7-21. In her free time she enjoys writing music and creating jewelry.

Presenters: (cont'd)

Vicky Harris

In her first and second professional lives, Vicky did horticultural research and engineering. Since then she has taught science for Glencoe-Silver Lake. When her schools were first pairing in 1994, the AD thought they should start a few new activities, and since she was foolish enough to ask the AD, "What is Knowledge Bowl?" she became the first GSL Knowledge Bowl coach. Rather dismal at the beginning, they won the State Class A competition in 2007 and 2013.

Vicky and her husband farm organically north of Silver Lake, and have two daughters who are both Knowledge Bowl alumni and teachers.

Audrey Erickson/Eric Tollefson

Audrey and Eric have been hosting the Concordia/Moorhead High School Invitational for 15 years and have a planning checklist that they will share with you at this session.

Audrey has been a social studies teacher at MHS for 25 years. Eric has been a science teacher at MHS for 23 years.

Doug Voerding

Doug Voerding is a retired teacher and was the Buffalo High School assistant Knowledge Bowl coach for ten years. He also is a part-time reporter for the Wright County Journal-Press in Buffalo.



Statewide Knowledge Bowl® Coaches Clinic

**October 24, 2013
10:00 am to 2:30 pm**

**Lakes Country
Service Cooperative
1001 E. Mt. Faith
Fergus Falls, MN**

AGENDA

- 10:00 am Welcome
- 10:15 am Keynote Address, Ben Lacina

Breakout Session I

- 11:05 am
 - a. Enhance your KB Program
 - b. Using Social Media and Other Practice Gems
- 11:45 am Lunch

Breakout Session II

- 12:25 pm
 - a. Hosting an Invitational
 - b. Getting Your KB Story in the News

Breakout Session III

- 1:10 pm
 - a. Recruiting and Growing Your Program
 - b. Rookie Coaches Session
- 1:45 pm Panel and Q&A Session
- 2:15 pm Wrap Up / Evaluations

KB Coaches: It's Your Turn for a Clinic

We are excited to offer you the 2013 Statewide Knowledge Bowl® Coaches Clinic. This clinic will be a great way to get energized as you start your Knowledge Bowl year and network with other Knowledge Bowl coaches throughout the state of Minnesota. The sessions are designed to provide valuable information to help enhance and grow your program. You will have the opportunity to get your specific concerns addressed through Q&A time. Join us for a rewarding and fun day.

~Susan Ward, State KB Coordinator

Registration Information:

Log on to www.lcsc.org/workshops to register online. Fee to attend is \$60/per person. Deadline to register is October 21, 2013. Lunch is included. *When registering, pick only one session (a or b) per breakout session time slot.*

Questions about the workshop: Susan Ward, State KB Coordinator, 218-737-6517, sward@lcsc.org

Questions about registration: Monica Thompson, KB Assistant, 218-737-6540, mthompson@lcsc.org

11:05 am

Session I-a: Enhance Your Knowledge Bowl Program ~ Joyce Baumann

Enhance the success of your junior and senior high school Knowledge Bowl with a strong elementary program. In this session, you will learn the ins and outs of establishing and expanding Knowledge Bowl for fifth and sixth graders. Program funding and possible organizational structure will be covered. Come and learn ideas for promoting participation and motivating students.

Session I-b: Using Social Media and Other Practice Gems ~ Vicky Harris

How do you practice being good at Knowledge Bowl? Do you go for speed or knowledge or the elusive combination? How do you learn to guess where the question is going? Where do you get the practice team to challenge your top team? Vicky will share some ideas. She will also include some ideas about using social media in the summer, just to keep thoughts of Knowledge Bowl dancing in students' minds in the off-season.

12:25 pm

Session II-a: Hosting an Invitational ~ Audrey Erickson/ Eric Tollefson

Audrey and Eric have been hosting the Concordia/Moorhead High School Invitational for 15 years and have a planning checklist that they will share with you at this session. Topics will include choosing a venue, ordering questions, keeping track of scores, and just general information on organizing a fun and successful competition.

Session II-b: Getting Your KB Story in the News ~ Doug Voerding

Having been there, Doug knows how little time you have to promote your Knowledge Bowl teams to the public. He will have a few ideas that could work for you and your students. These ideas won't take a lot of time, but will really highlight the work of your Knowledge Bowl teams and get their successes in your local newspaper.

1:10 pm

Session III-a: Recruiting and Growing Your Program ~ Ben Lacina

Build capacity by building a culture of academic challenge in your school. This session will focus on different strategies designed to make "smart=cool" at your school, to grow a solid KB program from middle school into high school.

Session III-b: Rookie Coaches Session ~ Region Coordinators

"Now that I am the Knowledge Bowl coach, what do I do?" Get your questions answered and build your coaching confidence. Region coordinators will cover the ins and outs of the Knowledge Bowl program. Procedures and rules will be reviewed, equipment will be demonstrated, and the proper reading of questions will be covered. Bring your concerns to this session and the coordinators will help you out.