



**Indiana Council on World Affairs, Inc.  
Academic WorldQuest 2024  
Team Roster**

**Quizmaster**



Douglas Woodwell, PhD, Board Member, Indiana Council on World Affairs, Inc. International Relations Professor, History & Political Science Dept. University of Indianapolis  
Quote: Knowledge of global affairs is essential for those who strive to be good citizens in free societies and good citizens of the world."  
Web Site: [www.uindy.edu](http://www.uindy.edu)

**Organizer**



Janet I. Harris, Board Member, Indiana Council on World Affairs, Inc. Community Engagement VP Academic WorldQuest Administrator  
Quote: For welcoming the supporters, teachers and students to AWQ 2024, Janet remarked, "We are here together. We are learning together. Let's foster world peace together!"  
Web Site: [www.IndianaWorld.org](http://www.IndianaWorld.org)

**Quizmaster**



Brian Platt, World Geography and International Relations Professor, University of Indianapolis.  
Quote: A functioning democracy requires informed citizens who understand how the world works and who hold leaders accountable. Understanding our fascinating world, leads to a more fulfilling life.  
Web Site: [www.uindy.edu](http://www.uindy.edu)

**Academic WorldQuest 2024 - Participating Schools**

Carmel High School (8th Year in 2024)  
Cathedral High School (3rd year in 2024)  
Danville High School (3rd year in 2024)  
Eman Schools, Fishers (7th Year in 2024)  
Fort Wayne North High School (3rd year in 2024)  
Legacy Learning Center (4th year in 2023)  
Logansport High School (2nd year in 2023)  
Purdue Polytechnic High School North (1st Year in 2024)  
Warren Central High School (17th Year in 2024)

John Carter  
Jeffrey Darnold  
Tina Campbell  
Troy Hammon  
Matthew Mertes  
Huma Soomro  
Chunmei Guan  
Brian Williams  
Nicholas R. Salemi

**Organizers of Academic WorldQuest™ 2024:** Academic WorldQuest, a trademarked program of the World Affairs Councils of America, is administered in Indiana by the Indiana Council on World Affairs, Inc. whose Board of Directors supports the program through volunteer service and donations. Board Member and President, Ray Montagno, provided invaluable photo documentation of the event. Board Member, Janet I. Harris, VP Community Engagement, organized Indiana Academic WorldQuest and moderated the event. Board Member, Douglas R. Woodwell, developed and managed the Quizziz platform and served as Quizmaster, and Brian Platt joined as Quizmaster. Both Quizmasters are University of Indianapolis faculty members.

**Sponsors and Friends for Academic WorldQuest™ 2024:**

Indiana's Academic WorldQuest is administered and underwritten by the Indiana Council on World Affairs. The University of Indianapolis co-sponsor is International Relations, Department of History and Political Science. Indiana University has emerged as a significant supporter for the competition, the luncheon, and the teacher travel to Washington, D.C. The IU departments of note include the Center for the Study of Global Change (Global Center), the Hamilton Lugar School of Global International Studies and Area Studies Centers, the Centers for International Business Education and Research (CIBER), and the Geography Educators' Network of Indiana (GENI). In addition, we recognize the support of the Indiana Council for the Social Studies, Indiana Foreign Language Teachers Association, American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, Indiana Sister Cities, and The International Center. All have enriched the program with encouragement and promotional services

## Academic WorldQuest 2024 - 100+ Indiana Teachers and Students

~ 2nd ever hybrid Indiana Academic WorldQuest ~



Photo Credit: Ray Montagno, President, Indiana Council on World Affairs.

### AWQ 2024 - Numbers for the February 24, 2024 Competition:

- Total attendance = 120, est. including students, teachers, parents, support personnel.
- Teams = 25
- Number of Students = 96 (In-person 92 and Virtual 4)  
Note: Up to an additional 20, est. students studied AWQ but did not compete.
- Number of students per Team (21 teams of 4 = 84 and 4 teams of 3 = 12)
- Schools = 12 registered schools. All registered schools were supported with communication from ICWA and the Official Study Guide, at no charge. 8 teams competed. 4 dropped out.
- Total teachers = 13 with 8 competing.
- Observers, including parents and support personnel = 24, est.
- Lunch hosted by Geography Educators' Network of Indiana(GENI).

### Indiana Academic WorldQuest 2024 - Teachers make AWQ!



Photo Credit: Ray Montagno, President, Indiana Council on World Affairs.

### AWQ Teachers and AWQ Leaders - Legend - Back Row L-R:

Sr. Mary Ann Stewart, Cathedral High School - Social Studies Teacher.

Annemarie McClung (Anni), Jay County Jr.-Sr. High School - World Language Teacher: German.

Jeffrey Darnold, Cathedral High School - Social Studies and Theology Teacher.

John Carter, Carmel High School - US Government, AP Comparative Government, International Relations Teacher.

Brian Williams, Purdue Polytechnic High School, Broad Ripple - English Teacher.

AWQ Administrator - Janet I. Harris, Indiana Council on World Affairs - ICWA Board & VP Community Engagement.

Chunmei Guan, Logansport High School - World Language Teacher - Chinese.

AWQ Quizmaster - Brian Platt, University of Indianapolis - Geography Professor.

Huma Soomro, Legacy Learning Center - Social Studies.

AWQ Quizmaster - Douglas Woodwell, University of Indianapolis - International Relations Professor & ICWA Board.

**Indiana Council on World Affairs - Academic WorldQuest 2024 - Top Scoring Teams**  
In-person / hybrid event, February 24, 2024, University of Indianapolis and schools around the State.

**Indiana Academic WorldQuest 2024**



Indiana AWQ 2024  
1st Place - Carmel High School  
Team 7  
World Affairs Councils of America's  
National Competition - 4th Place - Good job!



Indiana AWQ 2024  
2nd Place - Carmel High School  
Team 2



Indiana AWQ 2024  
3rd Place - Jay County Jr.-Sr. High School  
Team 1

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*And, to those AWQ teachers who make it happen! Thank you!  
Because teachers identify and coach the talented students who learn about world affairs,  
Indiana has a dynamic, inclusive, statewide Academic WorldQuest study program and competition.*

**Academic WorldQuest 2024 - Teachers**

**Carmel High School**

**Web Site:** <https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/chs>



**Current & Previous Academic WorldQuest Winner**

**John Carter  
Carmel High School**

Teacher - US Government Relations, AP Comparative Government  
Indiana Council for the Social Studies (ICSS) Distinguished Teacher of the Year 2019.  
AWQ: 9th year in 2024 (Study Program & Competition 2017-2024)  
Participant: Foreign Policy Association Great Decisions Teachers Institute  
Quote: "The study of foreign affairs and international relations is more vital than ever in education due to interdependent global partnerships in technology, economies and governments. Today's students are tomorrow's leaders in a global economy where events abroad impact our own backyard."



**Cathedral High School**

**Web Site:** [Cathedral High School \(gocathedral.com\)](http://Cathedral High School (gocathedral.com))



**Previous Academic WorldQuest Winner**

**Jeffrey Darnold  
Cathedral High School**

Social Studies and Theology Teacher  
AWQ: Cathedral's 3rd year (Study Program & Competition 2008, 2023, 2024)  
Quote: "Global affairs study increases understanding of others' cultures, religious beliefs, and perspectives, in current and past times. This equips us with greater knowledge of events, topics, and people outside our cultural background but front- center for others. Discussing wars, conflicts, governmental differences, and varied democracies, informs and helps us understand things that impact us."



**Danville High School**

**Web Site:** [www.danville.k12.in.us](http://www.danville.k12.in.us)

**Mrs. Tina Campbell  
Danville Community High School**

Social Studies - US Government  
AWQ: 3rd year in 2024 (Study Program & Competition 2022-2024.)  
Quote: "As a World History teacher, I try to point out the obvious historical connections to today's events, but specifically studying world affairs gives my students a chance to dig deeper. Having students wrestle through our current challenges in a safe, collegial environment equips them to deal with the challenges they will face as our future leaders."





## Previous Academic WorldQuest Winner



**Troy Hammon**  
**Eman Schools - Fishers**  
Social Studies

AWQ: Eman's 8th year in 2024 (Study Program & Competition 2017-2024)

Leadership: Indiana Council for the Social Studies, Past President

Bio: During more than 27 years as a humanities classroom teacher from Westfield, to Center Grove, to Arsenal Technical, to Shortridge IB, and now Eman High School in Fishers, Troy has led his students in ICWA's AWQ and the Model UN. He is a Past-President of the Indiana Council for the Social Studies.

## Fort Wayne North Side High School Web Site: [www.fortwayneschools.org/NorthSide](http://www.fortwayneschools.org/NorthSide)



**Matthew Mertes**  
**Fort Wayne North Side High School**

Government and Economics Teacher

AWQ: 3rd year in 2024 (Study Program & Competition 2022-2024)

Participant: Foreign Policy Association Great Decisions Teachers Institute.

Quote: "Today's world demands an understanding of how diplomacy works. What motivates leaders to take action? How do various groups respond to those actions, and how does that affect international relations? When high school students study world affairs, they are building foundational knowledge that will benefit them as they attempt to solve problems left behind by preceding generations."

## Jay County

Web Site: [www.jayschoolcorp.org/o/jr-sr-high-school](http://www.jayschoolcorp.org/o/jr-sr-high-school)



**Annemarie McClung (Anni)**  
**Jay County Jr.- Sr. High School**

Teacher: German, World Language Dept. Chair, Academic Team Coordinator

AWQ: 3rd year in 2024 (Study Program & Competition 2022-2024)

Quote: "Studying world affairs makes students realize that there is a whole world out there for them to discover, interact with and make a difference in. The Academic WorldQuest program offers a wealth of resources that allow my students to broaden their minds and engage in issues of global importance."

## Legacy Learning Center

Web Site: [www.legacylearningcenter.org](http://www.legacylearningcenter.org)



**Huma Soomro**  
**Legacy Learning Center - Indianapolis**

Student Counselor

AWQ: 6th year in 2024 (Study Program & Competition 2019-2024)

Quote: "I believe that it is important for everyone to learn about international affairs and issues because it will give us a better understanding of different cultures and their issues and will have a better understanding of how to resolve these issues."

## Logansport High School

Web Site: [www.lhs.lcsc.k12.in.us](http://www.lhs.lcsc.k12.in.us)



**Chunmei Guan**  
**Logansport High School**

World Language Teacher - Chinese

Indiana Foreign Language Teachers Association - President

AWQ: 3rd year in 2024 (Study Program & Competition 2022-2024)

Quote: "Studying current world affairs enhances and leverages students' global awareness, global leaderships and intercultural competences in the 21st century. World affairs provides authentic materials in political, economical, religious, cultural, art, food, agricultural, industrial contexts which provides comprehensible input of learning a foreign language."

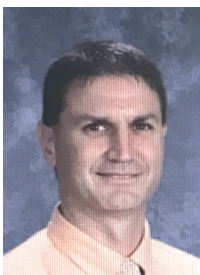


**Brian Williams**  
**Purdue Polytechnic High School North**  
Teacher - English 10  
AWQ: 1st year in 2024

Quote: "Studying world affairs helps create a well-rounded student and, more importantly, a well-rounded individual who understands that the world is larger than their own experiences."



**Previous Academic WorldQuest Winner**



**Nicholas R. Salemi**  
**Warren Central High School**

Social Studies Teacher / Model United Nations sponsor  
AWQ: 18th year in 2024 (Study Program & Competition 2008-2023. Study Program 2024)  
Quote: "There is little any country does today that can simply be viewed as "domestic policy." Actions taken by all nations reverberate around the world and impact the world in profound ways. Thus, it is important to maintain an awareness of what is happening internationally and become a student of world affairs."

***In Recognition - Thanks!***  
***Academic Partners, Teachers, Students & Sponsors***  
***who created Indiana's Academic WorldQuest 2024***  
***Registration Open for 2025!***

**AWQ Sponsors and Partners:**



**Sponsors are invited to support Academic WorldQuest™**

**Join the dialogue!** Membership in the Indiana Council on World Affairs (ICWA), a public, nonprofit educational organization, is open to all who are interested in world affairs. As an extension of its commitment to global education, membership is FREE of charge to students: [Join-Renew | ICWA \(indianaworld.org\)](http://Join-Renew | ICWA (indianaworld.org))

**Academic WorldQuest 2025 - Registration is now open:**  
[Indiana Council on World Affairs - 2025 Academic WorldQuest - February 22, 2025, University of Indianapolis. Registration now open \(wildapricot.org\)](http://Indiana Council on World Affairs - 2025 Academic WorldQuest - February 22, 2025, University of Indianapolis. Registration now open (wildapricot.org))

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