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Students gear up for the 23rd Honda Campus All-Star challenge

Led by Dr. Bernard Rowan, spring competition tests the academic mettle of the brightest minds at CSU

March 29, 2012 — Can you answer this Honda Campus All-Star Challenge question: “Presidents Sukarno and Suharto successively ruled which Southeast Asian island nation from 1945 to 1998?” Or, how about, “Kim Campbell was the first female prime minister of which North American nation?”

These and other trivia questions test the mettle of the brightest stars at 48 historically black and predominately black colleges and universities competing in the 23rd annual academic quiz bowl. Chicago State’s team is gearing up to once again win scholarship dollars from American Honda Motor Co., at the competition that culminates in a national contest March 30-April 3 in Los Angeles.

CSU’s team includes: Kaila Dockery, Shalome Broadway, Tanue David and Alejandro Rodriguez.

“CSU looks to build upon its 11-year track record, which has netted the university $42,000 in scholarships,” says Professor Bernard Rowan III, coach and campus coordinator for the CSU team.

Established in 1989, Honda Campus All-Star Challenge questions cover everything from traditional academics, including science, literature, history, philosophy, and the arts to current events, sports and popular culture. African-American history and culture is also featured.

Since then, more than 75,000 students have participated, and Honda has awarded more than $6 million dollars in grants to participating schools. Alumni have gone on to pursue careers in science, medicine, aeronautics, industry and government. Many are still active through campus activities, team training and other volunteer roles.

For the record, the answers to the aforementioned questions are: “Indonesia” and “Canada.”

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