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Summary:

(March 25, 2004)-Sixteen teams of talented high school students from the area will compete in round one of UMM Academic Challenge, produced by Media Services at the University of Minnesota, Morris. Academic Challenge will air on Pioneer Public Television beginning Sunday, April 4, with a 3 p.m. match between Marshall and Ortonville. A second match will follow at 3:30 p.m. between Morris Area and Alexandria Jefferson.

This is the 11th year that UMM has produced Academic Challenge.

"I think it is an appropriate and exciting opportunity for UMM to sponsor this chance for academically talented high school students from our region to show their scholarship and intellectual agility," said UMM Chancellor Sam Schuman. "We enjoy hosting the teams on our campus during the taping of Academic Challenge."

Each team is comprised of four to six high school students who are traditionally representatives from their high school knowledge bowl teams. The tournament is run in a single elimination fashion. Academic Challenge is broadcast on KWCM, Pioneer Public Television, Appleton, Minn., on Sundays each spring until mid May.

This week's team members are:

Marshall Tigers: Peter Lofgren, Drew Martin, Justin Moe, Joe Kristoff, and Sam Kristoff

Ortonville Trojans: Kady Sykora, Sally Helgenson, Alyssa Anderson, Eric Anderson and Roy Johnson

Morris Area Tigers: Adam Kopel, Lucas Forcella, Bennett Smith, Mike Strand and Tim Dudding

Alexandria Jefferson Cardinals: Cosmano, Doug Truman, Abi Gaugerg, Paul Gladen and Scott Sailer

The winning team receives an all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the National Academic Challenge Competition in June.

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