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Last month the University of Minnesota Morris’s Competitive Ethics Defense Team competed at the California Regional Ethics Bowl at Arizona State University. The students spent five weeks preparing for the competition by diligently studying the ethical and legal implications of case studies, formulating their positions, and anticipating objections.

At the regional competition, teams argued and defended their moral assessment of some of the most troubling and complex ethical issues facing society today. Questions addressed a wide array of topics in business and professional ethics, in personal relationships, and in social political affairs.

The UMN Morris Competitive Ethics Defense Team was made up of Alex Boyd ’21, Vinny Fontana III ’21, and Ya-Sokee Yang ’20. The team was proud of its showing at this year’s Ethics Bowl.

“Our team lost three close rounds and won one: a great showing for its inaugural competition,” Fontana says.

This activity was made possible by the Offices of Student Activities and Equity, Diversity, and Intercultural Programs, and the Philosophy Discipline.

About the Ethics Bowl

Created in 1993 by the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, the Ethics Bowl is a series of 12 regional competitions that encourages hundreds of students and teams across the United States and Canada to compete. To learn more, visit appe-ethics.org.