

The Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl



Historical Information

Preparing students for...



**academic success
and a successful
career.**

- The Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl championship started in 1997 and Harper has fielded a team since 2005.
- In both 2005 and 2010, Harper has hosted the Upper Midwest Regional Ethics Bowl (a qualifier for the Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl).

Background

- In the Ethics Bowl, a moderator poses questions to teams of three to five students.



Our
team

Background

- The questions may concern ethical problems on wide ranging topics
 - The classroom (e.g. plagiarism)
 - Personal relationships (e.g. friendship)
 - Professional ethics (e.g. engineering)
 - Social and political ethics (e.g. free speech)

Background

- A panel of judges then evaluate the answers.



- Criteria of evaluation:
 - Intelligibility
 - Focus on ethically relevant considerations
 - Avoidance of ethical irrelevance
 - Deliberative thoughtfulness



PREPARING STUDENTS...

- ***FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS*** by increasing a participant's:
 - Awareness of and sensitivity to cultural differences;
 - Critical and analytical thinking skills;
 - Clarity of expression; and
 - Ability to collaborate effectively.
- ***FOR SUCCESSFUL CAREERS*** by developing six of the top ten most critical applied skills desired by employers.

EMERGING CONTENT AREAS CONSIDERED “MOST CRITICAL”

1. **Critical Thinking* /Problem Solving*** 77.8%
2. Information Technology Application* 77.4
3. **Teamwork/Collaboration*** 74.2
4. Creativity/Innovation* 73.6
5. Diversity* 67.1
6. **Leadership*** 66.9
7. **Oral Communications*** 65.9
8. **Professionalism/Work Ethic*** 64.4
9. **Ethics/Social Responsibility*** 64.3
10. Written Communications* 64.0

*Applied Skills

Success

- In December of 2012, we competed in the Upper Midwest Regional Ethics Bowl as the **only** community college team.

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Success

- We placed fourth, qualifying for the Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl Championship.



Road to Success

We were the only community college represented at the IEB and placed ahead of prestigious national universities such as *Georgetown University*.

In April, Harper hosted the Inaugural Central States Two-Year College Ethics Bowl Championship, which we won, going undefeated!



The next week the team traveled to Georgia to compete in the Inaugural Junior College Ethics Bowl Championship, where we again went undefeated, earning the national championship.



We will host the competition next year!