

NCT Buzz Sheet



Your daily report of the Honda Campus All-Star Challenge National Championship

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Mom Cheers Black Division



Xavier senior Rebecca Udokop begged her mother to drive the two hours from Fontana, California to Torrance to witness the Honda Campus All-Star Challenge National Championship in person. This was a first for both the daughter and the mother, but Udokop knew that she wasn't going to stop until her mother came.

"I knew that if I made it to L.A., she had to come. I'm her only child, so I was going to play the guilt card and say, 'Mom, I'm coming home, so you have to come see me.'"

And her mother was not disappointed. Evelyn Alli, a native of Nigeria, said that she had heard about the competition, but she had no idea what to expect. "Every time I called [my daughter], she said, 'Oh, we are studying, we are studying!'" However, when Alli arrived at the competition, she was shocked to learn just how tough the competition was. Instead of being there just to cheer on her daughter, Alli remained to cheer on the entire Black division.

"The people are really good. Those questions! I don't know any of them. I'm just happy with the way that both sides, even when they're losing, keep working hard. They don't get discouraged!"

The only regret for the mother and daughter is Udokop's senior status. "This is definitely an opportunity that I will cherish, and I'm sad that I didn't know about it until now." Although she won't be able to compete again, she's hoping that others will be able to play for years to come.

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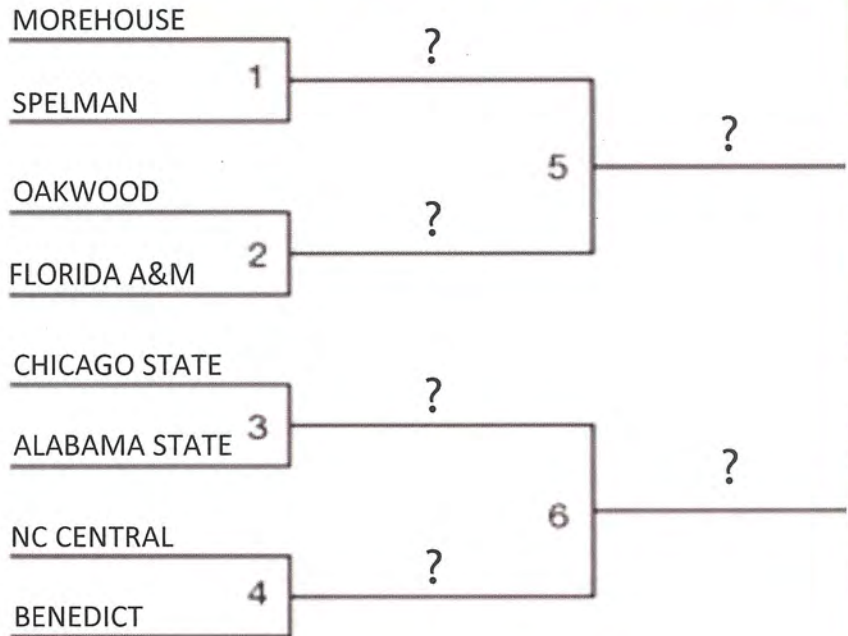
Alumni Update



Melanie Crutchfield, an Alabama A & M University player from 2000-2004, is currently a surgical oncology fellow at the University of Southern California. In August, she will begin her tenure as a breast surgical oncologist at Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. The entire HCASC family would like to congratulate this successful HCASC alumna (and happy Honda owner).



Elite 8 Advance to Studio 540



After 16 rounds of demanding questions, remarkable answers, and nail-biting finishes, 8 teams have emerged victorious and will face off in a single elimination tournament, culminating in a best 2-of-3 championship series.

This year, fans can watch the finals livestream from any mobile device at www.hcasc.com, making the finals accessible to everyone.

Best of luck to all teams and the future champion!

Tips for the Elite 8

Pro Tip from the Question Writers: "If the answer is a year, try to give ALL FOUR DIGITS, especially the ultimate challenge round. For some questions, if the answer is 1913, then '13' would be considered incorrect."

Courtney and Mariah, Maryland Eastern Shore "Sweet 16" Tip: "Don't overthink. If you start to overthink, you'll get things you know wrong."

Terri Coleman, 2012 SUNO Elite 8 Player's Tip: "Listen really closely to make sure you're answering the right question. If they ask for a capital, don't give a country!"



The Greens, Flukers, and Colemans decompress after game day.



York and Paine celebrate becoming Friends for Life.