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### **Ransom 8<sup>th</sup> Grader Selected Student of the Week**

Pensacola, FL: Two years ago Ransom Middle School entered the competitive world of quiz bowls inspired by the team at J.M. Tate High School. Two members of the team at Tate, Lauren and Samantha Brown had a little sister at Ransom who helped get the team started and soon became their Captain. She has remained a leader of the team both at practice and in competitions and she, Maggie Brown, has drawn the attention of the National Academic Quiz Tournaments (NAQT).

“For the week of February 18, 2017 National Academic Quiz Tournaments has selected Maggie Brown from Ransom MS as its Middle School [Player of the Week](#) due to her performance at the February 18 Bulldog Invitational Tournament,” read an email from Nicholas Karas from NAQT. The email also asked for more information about her and her team as well as photos.

The team’s sponsors for Ransom Middle School, Clarissa Brown and Lucinda Bateman provided a few photos and the following:

*Maggie Brown was one of the founding members of the Ransom Academic Team two years ago when Tate High School helped set up our program. When asked about her success - she has been a captain and leading scorer since sixth grade - she is quick to credit the Escambia County School District teachers at Ransom Middle and at Pine Meadow Elementary for her well-rounded education. Not only has she been able to answer tournament questions from class lessons, but also from information learned through her involvement in extracurricular activities, including Ransom’s Advanced Orchestra - where she is first chair violin/Concertmaster, President of the History Club, Secretary/Treasurer of the Cooking Club, Art Club, and Robotics. Even better, she just really loves to play and practices with her two older sisters, Samantha and Lauren - members of the Tate team - reviewing and quizzing each other on lessons from ALL their classes!*

The Ransom team is busy preparing to travel to Texas in May Nationals. If you would like to see the team featured on the web page for NAQT, it can be found here:

<https://www.naqt.com/highlights/2016-2017.jsp#2017-02-18> (You will need to scroll down below the teams of the week and the high school player of the week.)

A screen shot of the Player of the Week feature has also been attached (image.png). Two photos are also attached: The team photo (image\_1.png) used on the web site and an additional photo of Maggie playing the violin (another one of her many talents).

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