Scholar's Bowl Team Advances to State By Amanda Cheney

The Golden Plains scholar's bowl team competed at the regionals meet in Tribune on February 2 where they played third to qualify for the state meet. "The top three teams advance onto the state meet, and we got third!" said Charlotte McCurdy. "Our goal all season was to get to state, so we're overjoyed to have placed."

The teams competing were Cheylin, Brewster, Deerfield, Wheatland/Grinnell, Healy, Western Plains, Wallace County, Greeley County, Weskan, and Triplains. Golden Plains team members competing included Angel Sanchez, Nick Brown, Charlotte McCurdy, Clayton Bange, Jennifer Esparza, and Devin Carter.

"We were definitely nervous, so we got off to a somewhat slow start," said Angel Sanchez. The Bulldogs lost the first round to Wheatland but immediately bounced back with three more wins. GP went on to win four and lose two before heading to the awards ceremony. Losses were to Wheatland who placed first, to Cheylin who placed second, and to Western Plains. Almost all the rounds were within one question. "It's been a pretty good season," continued Sanchez. "We've placed in the top three nearly every meet, so we're very proud of that."

"This is a great way to end my senior year of scholar's bowl," said Nick Brown. "Each year we have improved as a team. Thank you to Mr. Scott for leading our team so well this year!" Devin Carter, captain at this meet, added, "I'm extremely proud of how far we've come this year. It's definitely an honor to be the first team since 2008 to be going to state."

The Bulldogs will compete in their final meet of the season at the state meet in Ransom on February 11. "Our goal is to perform well at this challenging meet," added Sanchez.