

Knowledge Masters Provides Cherished Experiences

Knowledge Masters is a group that meets after school every Monday in preparation for the nationwide Knowledge Master tournament. At the state level, we are currently ranked third.

Knowledge Masters grew from a simple after-school club working with our advisor, Colin Neenan, to something that has quenched my thirst for knowledge these past four years that I have been a member of the team. Its Jeopardy-like nature and tense pace often stretched our minds to the point to which we questioned our sanity.

The questions projected onto the smart-board showed us no mercy as they often ran the gauntlet from the most mind-boggling to the frustratingly easy. In short it made for one memorable day.

What I find most special about Knowledge Masters is how it draws upon our collective genius, how different people must come together for about a minute to try to hammer out an answer to some of the most random of questions. Most of the time, the right answer was not found by the smartest person in the room, but by everyone sharing their thoughts so we could come together with an answer as a team.

It doesn't matter how intelligent someone might be, but by how well one can convey their thoughts and ideas, along with a hefty dose of common sense...like the time when we were asked what a geoduck is. Thanks to the great minds present at the time, we decided that it was *not* something that goes "quack, quack," but something that lives under the sea (which is true).

Such a moment made time spent with our robust little group seem to be the greatest experience I had ever spent in high school. Looking back on the agony and the ecstasy many of us went through, I will truly miss the Monday afternoons spent with my teammates.

*Presented by senior Tegh Matharu at the ACE Foundation Celebration Banquet,
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