BATTLE OF THE BRAINS

The Tallahassee Area Coalition Center of Excellence and Leon County Schools recognizes James S. Rickards High School and Swift Creek Middle School for winning the 2015-2016 Battle of the Brains Black History-Culture Brain Bowl.

Lincoln High School and Deerlake Middle School finished as runners up.

Teams in both the middle and high school competitions were required to answer trivia questions on African American heritage, which they were allowed to study beforehand. Additionally, high school teams were quizzed on historical and cultural books such as “The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America’s Great Migration,” written by Isabel Wilkerson.

In March, the Rickards team will travel to Tampa to compete in the state brain-bowl competition.

In the past, more than 16,000 students from around the state of Florida have participated as team members, and more than 700 students have won scholarships donated by Florida’s public and private colleges and universities.

Schools in attendance:
- Godby High School
- Leon High School
- Lincoln High School (High School Runner-up)
- Rickards High School (1st place winner)
- Cobb Middle School
- Deerlake Middle School (Middle School Runner-up)
- Fairview Middle School
- Griffin Middle School
- Swift Creek Middle School (Middle School 1st place winner)