

Andy Lyon is the KQBA's Director of Recruitment. Andy participated in Kentucky's Governor's Cup competition as a member of the successful Russell program beginning in fourth grade, and began playing quiz bowl at Russell High School in his freshman year. As a three year starter for the Russell quiz bowl team Andy was a part of the 2008 NAQT Small School National Championship team, and the 2009 and 2010 NAQT Small School runners-up. He also has the distinction of being the program's leader in interrupts - in addition to being one of the fifteen highest scorers in the program's history.

Andy hopes to use his role as Director of Recruitment to grow interest in quiz bowl across Kentucky, especially in his home region of Eastern Kentucky and other underrepresented areas of the Commonwealth, and to encourage new participants to use the materials from quiz bowl to improve their performance in Governor's Cup. Studying for and competing in both quiz bowl and Governor's Cup not only helped Andy become a better competitor but helped him develop a passion for social studies content, specifically history and geography, as well as using this competition to help students develop a strong work ethic and further their interests in school. While attending the University of Louisville (B.S. Middle/Secondary Social Studies and ELA Education, 2014) Andy did not play college quiz bowl but instead served as an official at several competitions including Kentucky NAQT and Governor's Cup State competitions, and worked as a volunteer assistant coach at Russell High School, duPont Manual High School, and Samuel V. Noe Middle School.

Andy also began working at KAAC Summer Camps beginning the summer after high school graduation where he is able to work with middle and high school students from across Kentucky and pick the brains of some of Kentucky's best coaches including Kirk Barnett, Todd Garrison (who has helped introduce many Kentucky coaches to some of the nation's best quiz bowl coaches), Brenda Porter, Eric Lambert, Greg Grey, and Pam Burton. Andy is the head coach of Boyd County Middle School's Academic Team and the Director of Academic Competition for Boyd County Public Schools. With the help of some amazing assistant coaches and hard-working and naturally intelligent students, Boyd County is becoming an academic program to watch in Kentucky.