Respiratory care students win Sputum Bowl trophy

Congratulations to the UAMS Student Sputum Bowl Team, coached by Theresa Gramlich, who captured the first place trophy Wednesday night at the 42nd Annual Arkansas Society for Respiratory Care State Meeting at the Austin Hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The winning team, composed of (left to right) Lynli Carlin, Lesli Nanny, and Alicia Harper, was undefeated through 6 rounds. In the last game they were even with their competition until the last 2 minutes (a penalty round), when they pulled ahead and won the game by 5 points.

The UAMS winning team won individual trophies and will bring home the large team trophy (pictured). Additionally, they qualify to compete at the national competition in Anaheim, California in November, 2013.

Participating in the Sputum Bowl is a long-held tradition in the respiratory care program at UAMS beginning in the 1990's. Three member student teams respond to questions in content-specific categories by ringing a buzzer. If correct, the team earns a point. If incorrect, the opposing team has an opportunity to answer the question. During the final two-minute penalty phase, teams lose a point for incorrect responses. Program faculty from all respiratory care programs throughout Arkansas attend the competition to support their team and to engage in fellowship and friendly banter.