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An Interview with Linda Greene

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Linda Greene, coach of the Rockford Auburn High School Scholastic Bowl team for twenty-four years, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Sports Stories – Illinois High School Association* Oral History project.

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Linda Greene was born in DeKalb, Illinois in June, 1950. She grew up in Durand, Illinois, where she participated in band, choir, yearbook, FHA, student council, and GAA, graduating from high school in 1968. She then attended Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin, majoring in Spanish and Slavic linguistics, graduating in 1972. She later took graduate courses at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Northern Illinois University, and Colegio Nacional de Mexico (Mexican civilization and culture). She joined the faculty of Rockford Auburn High School in 1972 and taught languages there for forty-five years. She coached the school's Scholastic Bowl team for twenty-four years, with the Scholastic Bowl A team winning more than 2,200 games during that time. Her teams at Auburn have won two state championships and second through fourth place fourteen times. In 2012 Greene received the Benjamin Cooper Academic Ambassador Award from PACE (Partners for Academic Competition Excellence). She has been active in many professional organization throughout her career. She also helped develop a program called "Reach Them with Rap, and Rhyme" for students learning Spanish, French, German, and Russian.

This interview covers Greene's experiences as a successful Scholastic Bowl coach. She discusses the evolution of the Illinois High School Association's Scholastic Bowl from early contests such as Quiz Bowl, the Game Show, & Masonic Academic Bowl, to its current structure as a year round program. She discusses the formation of the Illinois High School Scholastic Bowl Coaches Association (IHSSBCA) which has promoted the SB activity through added competition, recognition of coaches, students and friends of SB, and creation of a Coach of the Year Award. Linda discussed summer camps which exist, the format of ScoBol Sola (individual competition) and SB question development. She also explains the format of the state tournament series as well as the individual weekend tournaments.

Subject Headings/Key Words: high school scholastic bowl in Illinois; IHSA rules governing Scholastic Bowl; Illinois High School Scholastic Bowl Coaches Association (IHSSBCA); evolution of the IHSA competitions; teaching Spanish at high school level

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