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Be in the QuizBusters TV Audience and Meet Local Personalities*Andre Hutson, Darrin Rockcole, Rose Cooper and more added to the roster of contestants*

(East Lansing, MI) – Members of the mid-Michigan community are invited to join the studio audience as WKAR launches a new season of **QuizBusters** with a **Special Edition** series featuring local personalities. The popular academic game show and WKAR original series is entering its 26th season on the air in mid-Michigan.

The two special QuizBusters episodes will be recorded on **Tuesday, September 9, at WKAR TV studios** in the Communication Arts and Sciences building on the Michigan State University campus. **Doors open at 6:30 p.m.** Two games will be recorded back-to-back. There is no admission charge.

Competing in game one are WILX meteorologist **Darrin Rockcole**, entertainer **Wally Pleasant**, MSU coach **Jacque Joseph** and WLNS reporter **Emerald Morrow** playing WKAR's **Scott Pohl**, Sexton HS coach **Carleton Valentine**, actor **Doak Bloss** and Sweetie-licious owner **Linda Hundt**.

Competing in game two are **Robin Miner-Swartz** of the Capital Region Community Foundation, MSU basketball star **Andre Hutson**, singer **Rose Jangmi Cooper**, and **John Steven French** from Abrams Planetarium against Lansing State Journal sports writer **Chris Solari**, LCC Theatre's **Andy Callis**, **Tashmica Torok** of the Firecracker Foundation and Meridian Township manager **Frank Walsh**.

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QuizBusters Special Edition 2014 episodes premiere on Saturday, October 4, at 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on WKAR-HD (23.1), with repeats Sunday (Oct. 5) at 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. **QuizBusters** returns to its regular format the following week in the same time slots, featuring more than 60 teams from mid-Michigan high schools competing for scholarships to Michigan State University.

This is the third year that WKAR has kicked off a new season with special guest episodes. Past episodes featuring guests such as Lynn Jondahl, Kat Cooper, Tico Duckett and Jane Aldrich can be viewed online at video.wkar.org. All recent QuizBusters episodes are also available on Roku, Xbox 360, Apple TV, and iPad/iPhone in the PBS app.

QuizBusters host **Matt Ottinger** has been with the series since it began in 1987. Ottinger is a game show fan with a large personal collection of both television game shows on video and board games. He has the distinction of competing on “Jeopardy” during the Ken Jennings run, and while he didn’t defeat the champion, he did give Jennings a run for his money.

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