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Joann Bridges Academy recently sent a team to participate in the statewide Brain Bowl. Sponsored by DJJ, the competition fosters community involvement, teamwork and opportunities to showcase academic prowess. JBA's team, the "Real Pretty Pearls" worked together to prepare for the event.

The Real Pretty Pearls started the competition strong, solving challenging brainteasers and challenges from multiple subject areas. Teamwork and determination were the secret of their success as they advanced through the competition. Education representatives and JBA staff cheered for the Pearls, encouraging them every step of the way as the questions became more difficult. The Real Pretty Pearls remained unified throughout the challenge and despite strong competition maintained their momentum, ultimately winning first place in the state of Florida. Each Real Pretty Pearl was awarded a plaque and trophy for her accomplishment.

The drive and determination exhibited by these youth personifies Rite of Passage's mission of making a difference through improving the lives of youth and the staff of Joann Bridges could not be more proud of their efforts.

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