

MATHCOUNTS *competition*

Tennessee Student “Mathletes” Advance to National

(Nashville, Tennessee, March 15, 2008)— Teams of 6th, 7th and 8th grade student Mathletes from public, private, and parochial middle schools, junior high schools, and homeschools across Tennessee competed in the Tennessee state-level competition of the national MATHCOUNTS program on March 15, 2008, at the Tennessee Engineering Center in Nashville, Tennessee. The Tennessee MATHCOUNTS regional and state contests are organized and sponsored annually by the local chapters of the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers and by the Tennessee Engineering Foundation.

A total of 17 schools and 43 students from across Tennessee, winners of their local competitions in February, competed at the state-level competition. Teachers and students prepared for this competition since the beginning of this school year. Students competed individually and as teams in written and fast-paced oral matches. Subjects included probability, statistics, linear algebra, and polynomials. Winners of the individual, team, and oral lightning “Countdown Round” competitions received awards, trophies, and prizes.

Tennessee will be represented at the National MATHCOUNTS competition by the top four winners of the state written competition, coached by the coach of the winning team of the state written competition, with an all-expenses-paid trip to the Lockheed Martin MATHCOUNTS National Competition – 2008, to be held May 8 – 11 in Denver, CO.

The winners of the Tennessee State MATHCOUNTS competition and the team representing Tennessee at the National MATHCOUNTS competition are:

WINNING INDIVIDUALS (Written Competition)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>COACH</u>
1 Stephen Wang	Indian Trail Middle School (Johnson City)	Anita Deal
2 Joohun Lee	Freedom Middle School (Franklin)	Denise Beaman
3 Mark Arildsen	University School of Nashville (Nashville)	Joel Bezaire
4 Andrew Cho	Montgomery Bell Academy (Nashville)	Maggie Qian

WINNING TEAMS (Written Competition)

- 1 Montgomery Bell Academy — Coach: Maggie Qian
Tom Bu, Zachery Chen, Andrew Cho, Hunter Tidwell
- 2 Memphis University School — Coach: Elizabeth Hopper
Eli Goldstein, Carson House, Farhan Kathawala, Mark Sorensen
- 3 Ross N Robinson Middle School — Coach: Lisa Bratton
Chris Dougan, Harrison Emery, Benjamin Jack, Scott Zhou

WINNING INDIVIDUALS (Countdown Round / Oral Competition)

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>COACH</u>
1 Stephen Wang	Indian Trail Middle School (Johnson City)	Anita Deal
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MATHCOUNTS is a nationwide program designed to answer the problem of declining math skills among U.S. students. The MATHCOUNTS program targets 6th, 7th and 8th graders who are at a crucial stage in developing and sustaining interest and ability in mathematics.



1st Place Team (L to R) Coach Maggie Qian, Hunter Tidwell, Tom Bu, Zachery Chen, Andrew Cho



2nd Place Team (L to R) Farhan Kathawala, Mark Sorensen, Carson House, Eli Goldstein, and Coach, Elizabeth Hopper



3rd Place Team (L to R) Harrison Emery, Scott Zhou, Benjamin Jack, Chris Dougan and Coach, Lisa Bratton



2008 State Team (L to R) Coach Maggie Qian, Stephen Wang (1st), Andrew Cho (4th), Mark Arildsen (3rd), Joohun Lee (2nd)



Stephen Wang, 1st Place Individual with Coach Anita Deal



Harry Clark, State MATHCOUNTS Chairman



Amy Spann, P.E., John Cole, P.E., PhD, and Allan Long preparing for the Countdown Round

Thanks You to all the MATHCOUNTS Volunteers!

Harry Clark, PE	State Mathcounts Chairman
Allan Long, PE	Scoring/Countdown Round
Steve Field, PE	Grading
Amy Spann, PE	Proctor/organized food supplies
John Cole, PE	Testing/organized food supplies
Jim Currey, PE	Grading/Scoring
Jim Thweatt, PE	Proctor
Hal Balthrop, PE	Proctor
Caitlin Balthrop	Proctor/Photos

Richard Dix, PE	Proctor
Nitaya Chayangkura, PE	Grading
Ben White	Proctor, 2006-2007 State MATHCOUNTS Winner
Judy Logue	State MATHCOUNTS Assistant