

Local Math Students to Compete in National Championship on May 8

National MATHCOUNTS Competition comes to Boston for the first time in its 32-year history

APRIL 2015 - Four middle school students have steadily emerged – from the original field of 904 – to proudly represent all of Massachusetts at the National MATHCOUNTS Competition on May 7-10, at ‘home’ in Boston for the first time in the program’s 32-year history.

The road to national competition has been challenging yet exhilarating – starting with 904 students from 121 middle schools who first competed in six chapter-level MATHCOUNTS competitions, to whittle the field to 140 students who advanced to the State Competition in March, where only four earned the opportunity to advance to National competition in May.

These four students qualified to represent Massachusetts at the National Competition:

Nathan Ramesh from William Diamond Middle School/Lexington MA, coached by Kent Findell

Jeffrey Chang from Jonas Clarke Middle School/Lexington MA, coached by Josh Frost

Richard Huang from R.J. Gray Junior High School/Acton MA, coached by Phil Stameris

Maxwell Wang, also from R. J. Gray Junior High School/Acton, coached by Phil Stameris

Joshua Frost from Clarke Middle School in Lexington, MA will once again serve as the Coach for Team Massachusetts. The students are now preparing to compete against their peers from across the nation. They will practice until May 6, and then take up residency at the competition hotel in Boston.

Other students who ranked in the Top-10 at the MA State Competition are:

Shreyaa Raghavan of Sharon Middle School, **Sharon, MA**, coached by Laurie Beth Chin; **Andrew Yao** of Weston Middle School, **Weston, MA**, coached by David Poras; **Janabel Xia** of Jonas Clarke Middle School, **Lexington, MA**, coached by Josh Frost; **Nithin Kavi** of R.J. Grey Junior High School, **Acton, MA**, coached by Phil Stameris; **Ari Xuan** of R.J. Grey Junior High School, **Acton, MA**, coached by Phil Stameris; **Adam Bertelli**, William Diamond Middle School, **Lexington, MA**, coached by Kent Findell.

MATHCOUNTS is a state and national program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement to inspire the next generation of innovators and technologists. This year, the competitive side of the program included 140,000 middle school students from 50 states.

MATHCOUNTS is a volunteer non-profit organization. The Massachusetts program is made possible through the local leadership and support of the Massachusetts Society of Professional Engineers (MSPE.com). Individual or corporate donors/sponsors are needed to help defray the cost of feeding and housing Team Massachusetts at the competition in Boston, as well as for going forward, to run and maintain this critical program in the 2015-2016 school year. The MATHCOUNTS Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization and all donations are tax deductible.

For more information on the program or sponsorship opportunities, contact John J. Hayden, P.E., Massachusetts MATHCOUNTS Coordinator at 781-221-1198, or visit mspe.com/mathcounts.

HOW TO TUNE IN TO VIEW LIVE COMPETITION:

Tune in to ESPN2 on Friday, May 8 to see the live broadcast of the Countdown Round. Visit the national MATHCOUNTS website, www.mathcounts.org, for the exact schedule and links to view the broadcast or webcast.