Local Students Take Top Honors at Annual MATHCOUNTS Competition
Area Middle School Mathletes Compete to Represent OH, WV at State Competition at Belmont Technical College

St. Clairsville, OH (February 24, 2011)—Nearly 100 students turned out to test their math and problem solving skills at the 2011 MATHCOUNTS competition on Saturday, February 19 at Belmont Technical College (BTC) in St. Clairsville.

For more than 25 years, volunteers, educators and industry sponsors have come together to make MATHCOUNTS possible for middle school students around the country. The event includes both individual and team competition. BTC has hosted the math enrichment competition for over 20 years.

MATHCOUNTS encourages students to put their math and analytical skills to work to solve real-world problems and scenarios in competition with their peers. Students and their teachers work during and after school, as well as on weekends, to prepare for the competition.

Registered local winners proceed to state competitions, where the top four “mathletes” and their coach compete to represent their state or region at the national level. Non-registered winners compete only for trophies at the local event. At all levels, MATHCOUNTS challenges students’ math skills, develops their self-confidence, and rewards them for their achievements.

A total of 94 competitors from eight area schools participated in the event, including students from: Bishop Fenwick School; Hannibal Elementary; and Tri-Valley Middle School in Ohio, and Follansbee Middle School; Triadelphia Middle School; Warwood School; Wellsburg Middle School; and St. Michael Parish School in West Virginia.

Registered team awards for Ohio went to:
1st Place: Tri-Valley Middle School Team: Cameron Beyers, Cameron Little, Logan Nezbeth and Matthew Ring coached by Michele Gross.
2nd Place: Hannibal Elementary Team: Amanda Bennett, Caleb Indermuhle, Wesley Lloyd and Katie Thomas coached by Sheila Thomas.
3rd Place: Bishop Fenwick Team: Katarina Hanifan, Gordon Knight, Logan McGlaughlin and Elliot Start coached by Kevin Lacey.

Nonregistered team awards for Ohio went to:
1st Place: Tri-Valley Middle School Team C: Kristen Dempsey, McKensea Pape, Madyson Reed and Hayley Wyatt coached by Michele Gross.
2nd Place: Tri-Valley Middle School Team B: Brianna Bates, Brianna Dawson, Madeline Dunn and Sierra Gee coached by Michele Gross.
3rd Place: Tri-Valley Middle School Team F: Josh Martin, Shawna Mohler, Cheyenne Nason and Konner Wolfe coached by Michele Gross.
Individual Ohio awards were earned by:
  
1st Place registered: Cameron Little of Tri-Valley Middle School
2nd Place registered: Elliot Start of Bishop Fenwick
3rd Place registered: Amanda Bennett of Hannibal Elementary
1st Place nonregistered: Brianna Dawson of Tri-Valley Middle School Team B
2nd Place nonregistered: Brianna Bates of Tri-Valley Middle School Team B
3rd Place nonregistered: McKensea Pape of Tri-Valley Middle School Team C

In the Countdown Round, Hannibal Elementary students Wesley Lloyd took 1st Place and Amanda Bennett 2nd place.

Registered team awards for West Virginia went to:
  
1st Place: Follansbee Middle School Team: Jakob Heilman, Dalton Minger, Antonio Pizzuti and Abbi Yachini coached by Erin Ankrum.
2nd Place: Wellsburg Middle School Team: Justin Elliott, Reagan McClain, Zachariah Spurrier, and Hayleigh Sutak coached by Toni Taylor.
3rd Place: Tridelphia Middle School Team: Safa Ahad, Kayley Miller, Thomas Nagy and Chenny Zhang coached by Mary Dolan and Russ Sellers.

Nonregistered team awards for West Virginia went to:
  
1st Place: Follansbee Middle School Team B: Natalie Fowler, John Fox, Zack Goodwin and Kirsten Lancia coached by Erin Ankrum.
2nd Place: Wellsburg Middle School Team B: Katelyn James, Rhiannon Macon, Kayla Persad and Katelynne Spurrier coached by Toni Taylor.
3rd Place: Follansbee Middle School Team C: Isaac Goodwin, Christian Hooper, Taylor Pannett and Johanna Weiler coached by Erin Ankrum.

Individual West Virginia awards were earned by:
  
1st Place registered: Jakob Heilman of Follansbee Middle School
2nd Place registered: Reagan McClain of Wellsburg Middle School
3rd Place registered: Antonio Pizzuti of Follansbee Middle School
1st Place nonregistered: Natalie Fowler of Follansbee Middle School Team B
2nd Place nonregistered: Katelyn James of Wellsburg Middle School Team B
3rd Place nonregistered: Zack Goodwin of Follansbee Middle School Team B

In the Countdown Round, Follansbee Middle School students Chris Beaman took 1st place and Antonio Pizzuti took 2nd place.

Photos below
Tri-valley Middle School took first place at Belmont Technical College's 2011 MathCounts and will proceed to the state competition in Ohio. From left Mathletes, Cameron Beyers, Logan Nezbeth, Matthew Ring, Cameron Little and coach Michele Gross.
Follansbee Middle School took first place at Belmont Technical College's 2011 MathCounts and will proceed to the state competition in West Virginia. From left Mathletes, Dalton Minger, Jakob Heilman, Abbi Yachini, coach Erin Ankrum and Mathlete Antonio Pizzuti.