

Team Washington Places 5th at the American Regions Math League

10/19/14 -- The 39th American Regions Math League (ARML) tournament was held at Penn State University, University of Iowa, University of Georgia, and University of Nevada, Las Vegas, on May 30-31st. The ARML contest challenged over 140 teams across the country, each consisting of 15 members. These teams of students solved several very difficult math problems in a total of 8 rounds of competition. There was an A and B division for the competition. Washington's state A team placed 13th nationally but placed 4th at the Las Vegas site of the competition. Meanwhile, Washington's B team placed 5th among B teams nationally and placed 1st among B teams competing in Las Vegas. Participants on both teams will receive a complimentary year of both Mathematica and Wolfram Alpha Pro. Darryl Wu, a senior from the Lakeside School in Seattle, was the first person from Washington ever to place 1st in the individual competition, with a perfect score. Owen Goff placed 18th. Both students will receive a monetary prize from The D. E. Shaw Group.

The 2014 ARML winning team in the A division was Phillips Exeter Academy, scoring 260 out of 300 points. The second place team, covering northern California, scored 242 out of 300 points. Team Washington scored 198 out of 300 points.

The 2014 ARML winning team in the B division was West Windsor-Plainsboro, scoring 152 out of 300 points. The second place team, covering Howard County between Baltimore and Washington D.C., scored 132 out of 300 points. Team Washington scored 120 out of 300 points.

Selection of the team members for Washington's two teams involved a competitive application process, using past performance in statewide competitions and national level competitions, such as the AMC and AIME. For many of the students, it was a privilege simply to represent their state as part of the team.

We interviewed Phillip Wang to learn more about the experience. His favorite part was meeting friends from across the coast at the competition. He recommends that everyone apply.

Team Washington consisted of the following students:

Bear Creek High School: Caleb Ji, 10th

Homeschool: Owen Goff, 12th

Interlake High School: Rishav Dutta, 10th; Jeffrey Li, 10th; Tanuj Nayak, 10th; Brandon Wang, 11th; 10th; Winston Wright, 11th; Brian Yu, 11th

Lakeside School: Joshua Hinman, 10th; Max Murin, 11th; Edward Wan, 5th; Darryl Wu, 12th

Newport High School: Sean Yu, 10th, Phillip Wang 10th

Odle Middle School: Richard Dong, 8th; Anthony Lu, 8th; Colin Tang, 7th

Redmond High School: Rithvik Bharath, 10th; Jaenic Lee, 10th; Aditya Murali, 10th; Mayukha Vadari, 10th

Redmond Junior High: Daniel Liu, 8th

Skyline High School: Lalith Devireddy, 12th

STEM School: Udit Ranasaria, 10th; Albert Xu, 10th

Thomas Jefferson High School: Jacinta Clay, 11th; Brian Hur, 11th; Justin Kim, 11th;
Brian Kim, 9th; Orgil Batzaya, 9th

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