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# **MATHCOUNTS<sup>®</sup>**

## **Students Win State Math Competition**

On March 11, the 2017 State MATHCOUNTS competition was held at the University of Hartford. A team of middle school Mathletes<sup>®</sup> from Whisconier Middle School in Brookfield won first place. The top individual was Samuel Florin, from Central Middle School in Greenwich.

Members of the winning team are: Alex Devorsetz, Avery Huang, Adharsh Kandula and Adeethya Shankar and the coach is Jon Reinhardt.

The second, third and fourth place teams are The Foote School in New Haven, Irving Robins Middle School in Farmington and Middlesex Middle School in Darien, respectively.

The top four individuals from the State Competition will represent Connecticut at the 2017 Raytheon MATHCOUNTS National Competition in to be held in Orlando, Florida, May 13-16. The four team members are: Samuel Florin in first place, from Central Middle School in Greenwich, Luke Choi, in second place, from Avon Middle School in Avon, Ryan Yang in third place, from The Foote School in New Haven and Alex Devorsetz, in fourth place, from Whisconier Middle School in Brookfield. The coach is Jon Reinhardt from Whisconier Middle School in Brookfield.

The top sixteen Mathletes also competed in a Countdown Round where the Mathletes were paired in a fast-paced, oral competition, competing against each other and the clock to solve problems. The first, second, third and fourth place Countdown Round winners are Luke Choi from Avon Middle School in Avon, Kumar Monish from Hopkins School in New Haven, Samuel Florin from Central Middle School in Greenwich and Adeethya Shankar from Whisconier Middle School in Brookfield, respectively.

In our increasingly technological society, those students who do not begin developing strong problem-solving, logical thinking and analytical abilities in middle school will face an uphill battle later in life if they wish to pursue a career in science, technology, engineering or mathematics. As the only nationwide math enrichment, club and competition program designed to improve math skills for U.S. middle school students, MATHCOUNTS prepares students for future career opportunities and success. More than 6 million students across the U.S. have participated in MATHCOUNTS programs.

The competition is organized by the Connecticut Society of Professional Engineers, hosted by the University of Hartford and sponsored by the Connecticut Engineers Education Foundation.

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