

FALL 2013 UAB MATH TALENT SEARCH REPORT

The 12-th annual UAB MTS (Math Talent Search) Contest took place on campus on Saturday, October 19, 2013.

Students began arriving at the Business and Engineering Complex at 8:00 a.m. There were 131 students, grades 10, 11, and 12, from 8 schools participating. With coaches and chaperons, we had a crowd of around 150 people. Students and guests were treated to cookies and cold drinks as they waited for the contest to begin.

At 9:00 a.m. students began the two hour test, and their teachers and chaperons enjoyed the hospitality room.

At 11:00, when the test was over, students and teachers were treated to pizza. The UAB math faculty and students began the challenging task of grading and judging the answers of the 131 students. The graders did an excellent job of determining winners. By 12:59pm the outcome of the contest was decided.

The Awards Ceremony began at 1pm. Various prizes were presented to winners by Dr Blokh as Dr Mayer read the list of winners. Schools who won the contest received trophies while the student winners received certificates and books about mathematics.

The following individual prizes for top scores were awarded:

10th grade Individual Winners

1st place: Rachel Wang (Hoover)

2nd place: Lucy Wang (Hoover)

3rd place: Daniel Johnson (Briarwood)

4th place: Connor Jones (Hoover)

Honorable mentions: Daniel Darwin (9th grade, Briarwood); Luther Ward (Briarwood); Zheyue Zhang, Uzma Nur, Daniel Phillips (Hoover); Ben Mustafavi (JCIB); Peyton Spencer, Zoe Shore, Jack Peters (Spain Park).

School Winners in the 10th grade

1st place - Hoover

2nd place - Briarwood

3rd place - Spain Park

4th place - JCIB

11th grade Individual Winners

1st place: Josh Taggart (Spain Park)

2nd place: Danny Johns (Hoover)

3rd place: Ishant Yadav (Hoover)

4th place: Ryan Cook (JCIB)

Honorable mentions: Danae Avyvopoulou (Hoover); Jagger Alexander, Chris Arora (JCIB); Sebastian Shormann (Spain Park)
School Winners in the 11th grade

1st place - Hoover

2nd place - JCIB

3rd place - Spain Park

12th grade Individual Winners

1st place: Yammung Li (Hoover)

2nd place: Janice Wu (Hoover);

3rd place: Hemin Noolani (Hoover);

4th place: Johnson Lini (Briarwood)

Honorable Mentions: Jacob Permar, Joseph Kerns, Vishal Madi, Amber Reed (Hewitt-Trussville); Carson Mize (JCIB)

School Winners in the 12th grade

1st place - Hoover

2nd place - Hewitt-Trussville

3rd place - Briarwood

Schools trophies were awarded based on the composite score of the three top scorers.

All in all, it was a full day of activities for student visitors and the UAB Math Department.

Our thanks to the sponsors of this event: Dean Palazzo (who encouraged us and helped us all along in our efforts to run the contest) and our chairman Dr Weikard (who not only encouraged us and helped us all along in our efforts but also very actively participated in the grading process!).

Our thanks also to all the students, members of our Department, and members of their families, who helped this year's MTS Contest succeed.

Until UAB MTS 2014,

Best wishes,

Alexander Blokh, Outreach Director