The 13-th annual UAB MTS (Math Talent Search) Contest took place on campus on Saturday, November 15, 2014. Students began arriving at the Business and Engineering Complex at 8:00 a.m. There were 165 students, grades 10, 11, and 12, from 10 schools participating. With coaches and chaperons, we had a crowd of around 180 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 167 students. The graders did an excellent job of determining winners. By 12:59 pm the outcome of the contest was decided. The Awards Ceremony began at 1 pm. 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: Mariam Massoud (Hoover) 2nd place: Chase Hilyer (JCIB, 9) 3rd place: Aneesh Pathak (Hoover) 4th place: Aidan Hoffman (Spain Park) Honorable mention: Amy Zhang (Hoover) School Winners in the 10th grade 1st place - Hoover 2nd place - JCIB 3rd place - Briarwood 11th grade Individual Winners 1st place: Bragan Swindle (Mortimer) 2nd place: Jack Peters (Spain Park) 3rd place: Horace Wilson (Hoover) 4th place: Phillip Janregni (Briarwood) School Winners in the 11th grade 1st place - Spain Park
2nd place - Briarwood
3rd place - Mortimer Jordan
12th grade Individual Winners
1st place: Isaak Eggers (Hoover)
2nd place: Jagger Alexander (JCIB)
3rd place: Ishant Yadav (Hoover)
4th place: Rebecca Percy (Hewitt-Trussville)
Honorable Mention: Ryan Cook (JCIB)
School Winners in the 12th grade
1st place - JCIB
2nd place - Hoover
3rd place - Hewitt-Trussville
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 and our chairman Dr Weikard (who encouraged us and helped us all along in our efforts to run the contest).
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 2015,
Best wishes,
Alexander Blokh, Outreach Director