

FALL 2017 UAB MATH TALENT SEARCH REPORT

The 16-th annual UAB MTS (Math Talent Search) Contest took place on campus on Saturday, October 14, 2017.

Students began arriving at the Business and Engineering Complex at 8:00 a.m. There were 105 students, grades 10, 11, and 12, from 7 schools participating. With coaches and chaperons, we had a crowd of around 120 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 105 students. The graders did an excellent job of determining winners. By 12:49pm 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: Eesha Banerjee (ASFA)

1st place: Jacob Glidewell (JCIB)

1st place: Mathias Rathburn (JCIB)

1st place: James Shi (8th grade) (ASFA)

The judges decided to award 4 first places while not awarding 2nd 3rd and 4th prizes.
School Winners in the 10th grade

1st place - ASFA

2nd place - JCIB

3rd place - Spain Park

11th grade Individual Winners

1st place: David Xin (Hoover)

2nd place: Aiden Yoder (ASFA)

3rd place: Will Couch (Hoover)

3rd place: Eric Wang (Spain Park)

School Winners in the 11th grade

1st place - Hoover

2nd place - ASFA

3rd place - Spain Park

12th grade Individual Winners

1st place: Daniel Michael (Hoover)

2nd place: Emily Su (Hoover)

2nd place: Kanely Lemke (JCIB)

4th place: Laura Herren (Briarwood)

School Winners in the 12th grade

1st place - Hoover

2nd place - Briarwood

3rd place - JCIB

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 UAB MTS Contest succeed.

Until UAB MTS 2018,

Best wishes,

Alexander Blokh, Outreach Director