

# FALL 2019 UAB MATH TALENT SEARCH REPORT

The 18-th annual UAB MTS (Math Talent Search) Contest took place on campus on Saturday, November 9, 2019.

Students began arriving at the University Hall at 8:00 a.m. There were 152 students, grades 10, 11, and 12, from 10 schools participating. With coaches and chaperons, we had a crowd of around 170 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 152 students. The graders did an excellent job of determining winners. By 1pm the outcome of the contest was decided.

The Awards Ceremony began at 1:30pm. Various prizes were presented to 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:

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10th grade Individual Winners

1st place: James Shi (ASFA)

2nd place: Xinghu Xu (ASFA)

3rd place: Elias Mrug (ASFA); Elias is actually an 8th-grader!

4th place: Ethan Forrest (ASFA)

School Winners in the 10th grade

1st place - ASFA

2nd place - Hoover

3rd place - Spain Park

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11th grade Individual Winners

1st place: Alex Seidel (ASFA)

2nd place: Haoze Tang (Indian Springs)

3rd place: Luke Clark (Hoover)

4th place: Ahshat Yaparla (ASFA)

School Winners in the 11th grade

1st place - ASFA

2nd place - Spain Park

3rd place - Indian Springs

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12th grade Individual Winners

1st place: Abhinav Gullapalli (Hoover)

2nd place: Eesha Banerjee (ASFA)

3rd place: Runyang Zhang (Indian Springs)

4th place: Amelia Winston (Mountain Brook)

School Winners in the 12th grade

1st place - Hoover

2nd place - Mountain Brook

3rd place - Indian Springs

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 Nkashama (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 2020,

Best wishes,

Alexander Blokh, Outreach Director