



Mathematical Mayhem Brings Area High School Students to Stockton College for Competition

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Galloway Township, NJ- Thirty-three area high school students enjoyed a Saturday filled with solutions, summations and statistics at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey's Mathematical Mayhem competition.

The high school competitors joined Stockton math faculty and members of the Stockton Math Club for the daylong math competition on Saturday, March 23. Mathematical Mayhem, which was piloted last year, offered group and individual challenges as well as the opportunity for the competitors to experience a college setting and meet Stockton's math faculty and students.

The competitors who took part in the event were selected by their high school teachers based on academic merit. The competition exams were designed and graded by Stockton math faculty.

Dr. Dennis Weiss, dean of the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, said, "Mathematics is the foundation of 21st century science and technology. It provides the mathematical concepts, which are important tools, while developing problem solving skills whether working in teams or individually. At Stockton, mathematics is key to being admitted to the academic programs of the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics."

Competitors came from the following returning high schools: Absegami High School, Atlantic County Institute of Technology, Cedar Creek High School, Oakcrest High School and Ocean City High School. New to the competition this year was Egg Harbor Township High School.

"The competition is designed to present students with interesting and challenging problems involving material from high school mathematics and emphasizes the development of problem solving skills while having fun," said Dr. Chia-Lin Wu, associate professor of mathematics and director of the event development committee.

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Individual Round Results

1st Place: Amber Kell of Oakcrest High School

2nd Place: Nick Murphy of Oakcrest High School

3rd Place: Matthew Schwenger of Atlantic County Institute of Technology

Group Round Results

1st Place: Atlantic County Institute of Technology: Amber Evans, Matthew Schwenger and Stanimir Genov

2nd Place: Oakcrest High School: George Scheider, Keith Yiu and Nick Murphy

3rd Place: Ocean City High School: DJ Gilhooley, Carolyn Previti and Ben Colbert

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