

K-State Hosts Annual Mathematical Olympiad

The eighth annual Manhattan Mathematical Olympiad was held at Kansas State University on the morning of April 3. Twenty-seven students from schools in Kansas, Missouri, Alabama and New Jersey took part in three divisions: Grades 5-6, Grades 7-8 and Grades 9-12. The competitors had three hours to solve four problems.

Ranked prizes were awarded to the best scoring competitors in each division who gave a complete solution to at least one problem, with honorable mentions being awarded to noteworthy competitors who gave only partial solutions.

The winners in the 5-6 division were: First place, Andy Blattner of Mr. Gibbon's class at Theodore Roosevelt Elementary, Manhattan; Second place (tie) Kyoungcho Cho of Ms. Norris's class at Lee Elementary, Manhattan and Joel Clark of Mr. Gibbon's class at Theodore Roosevelt Elementary, Manhattan.

No ranked prizes were awarded in the 7-8 division, but Patrick Lin and Gabriel Nagy, both from Mrs. Depew's class at Anthony Middle School, Manhattan received honorable mentions.

Winners in the 9-12 division were: First place (tie) Alex Peterson and Jessica Tang, both of Dr. Prokhorov's class at the Alabama School of Mathematics and Science, and Third Place, Risa Kawai, also from Dr. Prokhorov's class at ASMS. Jackson Swearer from Hutchinson High School, Hutchinson, KS received honorable mention in the 9-12 division.

The grand prize for the best performance by a competitor in any division went to Andy Blattner of Theodore Roosevelt Elementary.

Solutions to all Olympiad problems were presented by the organizing faculty—Gabriel Nagy, Alexander Rosenberg, and David Yetter—at an evening solution and awards ceremony. Winners were announced and prizes—two books for first, one for second, third and honorable mention, with an additional two books to the grand prize winner—following the presentation of solutions.