

Math Team Wins Back-to-Back State Championship!

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The Delaware Math League state finals were held in Dover this week culminating in a season that saw 336 teams and over 2,000 students participate. St. Andrew's fielded 30 students this year comprising over 10% of the student body. No school in the region had this many participants and no school in the state was near the 10% mark.

After finishing first in the region, the 9th grade team squared off against the 12 best teams in the state. After several grueling rounds, the team, featuring YH Lee, Nathan Dan, Sang Won Shim, Danny DeVeau, Austin Salley, and Noah Rickolt, placed second in the state.

The 10th -12th grade team felt the pressure that came with defending their 2010 State Championship. The team, comprised of Robert Lee, Margeaux Lopez, Michael Yoo, Duy Anh Doan, Chaitanya Singhania, Ricky Lee, and Julian Ha dethroned longtime champion Wilmington Charter last year and were prepared for what most considered an inevitable rematch. They were not disappointed.

After the first round, St. Andrew's and Wilmington Charter sat tied with 9 out of 10 possible points. Charter pulled ahead by one point after the second round. Not to be intimidated, St. Andrew's fought back in the third round to pull into a tie. Their fate then rested on the team questions. The team successfully answered both team questions en route to a resounding win and earning the title of Back-to-Back State Champions.

Seniors Robert Lee and Margeaux Lopez were instrumental in leading the team the past two years. Robert, who was named the state's top mathlete for the second consecutive year, will attend Cornell University in the fall. Margeaux will take her talents west this fall and attend the California Institute of Technology.

Special thanks to Math Department Chair Eric Finch for once again leading these committed students and energizing the student body around this talented team.

