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Contact: Bob Aaron, 309/556-3181***IWU Math Contest*****High Schools, Students Win Awards**

Editor's Note: Check this news release for students and schools in your area that won awards at the second annual Illinois Wesleyan University High School High School Math Contest.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--Forty-six students and six schools won honors at the second annual Illinois Wesleyan University High School Math Contest this month.

More than 200 freshmen through seniors from 11 high schools participated in the contest sponsored by IWU's Math Society.

The 60-minute exams had 30 multiple choice questions. High school freshmen and sophomores took the same test, but were graded separately so they didn't compete against each other. The freshman-sophomore test emphasized algebra and geometry. High school juniors and seniors took the same exam, but were graded separately so they didn't compete against each other. The junior-senior test stressed trigonometry, pre-calculus, and some calculus.

"The math contest," explained Eden Ostermeier, president of IWU's Math Society and contest chair, "gives high school students a chance to compete and use their math skills against others in the state. It gives them a sense of accomplishment, especially for those who take home awards.

"The contest also shows students," said Ostermeier, a senior math major who wants to teach high school after graduation in May, "that math can be fun and practical since most of the problems on the test are taken from practical applications."

High school award winners were based on the three highest scores, which were added together, in each category--9th grade (freshmen), 10th grade (sophomores), 11th grade (juniors), and 12th grade (seniors).

Lincoln Way High School, New Lenox, swept all four first place categories. Normal Community High School, Normal, won three of four second place categories. Normal West High School, Normal, won two of four third place categories.

Awards went to these high schools:

• **9th Grade:**

- First Place--Lincoln Way High School, New Lenox
- Second Place--Normal Community High School, Normal
- Third Place--Central Catholic High School, Bloomington

• **10th Grade:**

- First Place--Lincoln Way High School, New Lenox
- Second Place--Normal Community High School, Normal
- Third Place--Normal Community West High School, Normal

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• 11th Grade:

- First Place--Lincoln Way High School, New Lenox
- Second Place--Normal Community High School, Normal
- Third Place--Normal Community West High School, Normal

• 12th Grade:

- First Place--Lincoln Way High School, New Lenox
- Second Place--Bloomington High School, Bloomington
- Third Place--Metamora Township High School, Metamora

Trophies were awarded to the victorious schools.

Among the student award winners were five from Lincoln Way and three from Normal Community High School. Students with the top scores in their various categories are:

• 9th Grade:

- First Place--Regina Elkins, Lincoln Way High School, New Lenox
- Second Place--Joseph Blakely, Lincoln Way High School, New Lenox
- Third Place--Joe Semlak, Normal Community High School, Normal

• 10th Grade:

- First Place--Katie Snyder, Normal Community High School, Normal
- Second Place--Elizabeth Osborne, Lincoln Way High School, New Lenox
- Third Place--Robert Wagner, Normal Community West High School, Normal

• 11th Grade:

- First Place--Brad Rawlins, Normal Community High School, Normal
- Second Place--Lynn Herberger, Canton High School, Canton
- Third Place--Amber Klauzek, Lincoln Way High School, New Lenox

• 12th Grade:

- First Place--Matt Lenaghan, Sacred Heart-Griffin, Springfield
- Second Place--Joanne Mangun, Lincoln Way High School, New Lenox
- Third Place--Michael Redman, Lincoln Way High School, New Lenox

Student award winners received plaques.

Certificates were awarded to students scoring in the top 20 percent and 10 percent by age group.

Student award winners in these categories were:

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• 9th Grade, Top 10 Percent:

- Julie Lally, Central Catholic High School, Bloomington
- Sarah Lowe, Lincoln Way High School, New Lenox
- Anna Marie Lim, Sacred Heart-Griffin, Springfield
- Julie Sadhu, Lincoln Way High School, New Lenox
- Ann Griffiths, Bloomington High School, Bloomington
- Dave Wurzbarger, Lincoln Way High School, New Lenox

• 9th Grade, Top 20 Percent:

- Todd Rafacz, Lincoln Way High School, New Lenox
- Carl Buoy, Sacred Heart-Griffin, Springfield
- Mike Drymiller, Lincoln Way High School, New Lenox
- Ed Whalen, Metamora Township High School, Metamora
- Eric Bellas, Normal Community West High School, Normal
- Will Kinsella, Normal Community High School, Normal

• 10th Grade, Top 10 Percent:

- Joe Nelson, Lincoln Way High School, New Lenox
- Steve Ingmire, Lincoln Way High School, New Lenox
- Martin Puig, Lincoln Way High School, New Lenox
- Joshua Ald, Lincoln Way High School, New Lenox

• 10th Grade, Top 20 Percent:

- Mattheu Pehle, Lincoln Way High School, New Lenox
- Larry Fey, Lincoln Way High School, New Lenox
- John Cherry, Normal Community West High School, Normal
- Bryan Kennedy, Normal Community High School, Normal
- Lara Schumacher, Lincoln Way High School, New Lenox
- Tarik Galijasvic, Lincoln Way High School, New Lenox

• 11th Grade, Top 10 Percent:

- Tom Weber, Lincoln Way High School, New Lenox
- Tom Moran, Lincoln Way High School, New Lenox

• 11th Grade, Top 20 Percent:

- Elizabeth Poole, Normal Community West High School, Normal
- Melissa Lally, Central Catholic High School, Bloomington
- Bryan Quigley, Lincoln Way High School, New Lenox
- Michele Reckers, Normal Community High School, Normal

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- **12 Grade, Top 10 Percent:**

- Jeff Havens, Bloomington High School, Bloomington

- **12th Grade, Top 20 Percent:**

- Paul Jones, Bloomington High School, Bloomington
- Brendan Keane, Lincoln Way High School, New Lenox
- Steve Ewen, Lincoln Way High School, New Lenox
- Melody Christians, Metamora Township High School
- Keith Bernicky, Lincoln Way High School, New Lenox

High schools participating in the IWU math contest on March 9 were: Canton High School, 1001 N. Main, Canton; Bloomington High School, 1202 E. Locust, Bloomington; Central Catholic High School, 712 N. Center St., Bloomington; Metamora Township High School, 101 W. Madison, Metamora; Henry Senachwine High School, 1023 College St., Henry; Lincoln Way High School, New Lenox; Rossville-Alvin High School, 350 N. Chicago St., Rossville; Normal Community High School, 303 Kingsley, Normal; St. Teresa High School, 2710 N. Water, Decatur; Sacred Heart-Griffin, 1200 W. Washington, Springfield; and Normal Community West High School, 501 N. Parkside, Normal.

Members of IWU's Math Society devised some test questions and obtained copyright permission to use other problems from textbook publishers. IWU math faculty reviewed and edited exam problems. Members of the IWU Math Society graded the exams. About 30 Math Society members participated in the contest as exam proctors, ushers, test graders, and by running various math games and other activities. About five members of the Math Society served on the test Committee, which devised the exams.

There was a \$6.50 registration fee per high school student that covered the test and lunch.

IWU, founded in 1850, enrolls about 1,850 students in a College of Liberal Arts, College of Fine Arts, and a four-year professional School of Nursing. A \$15 million athletics and recreation center opened in the fall of 1994; and a \$25 million science building opened in the fall of 1995. The Carnegie Commission for the Advancement of Teaching promoted Illinois Wesleyan to a "Baccalaureate I" institution in 1994, a classification that places it among 161 highly selective National Liberal Arts Colleges in the annual *U.S. News & World Report* rankings. *Barron's Profiles of American Colleges*, another respected college guide, rated IWU "highly competitive (+)" in its latest edition.