

Hillcrest MathCounts Team Tenth in Connecticut, Earns Gold

MathCounts is a national program designed to increase enthusiasm for and enhance achievement in middle school mathematics throughout the United States.

Eight Math Club students represented Hillcrest Middle School in the MathCounts chapter competition hosted by Fairfield University in February 2008 where they took fourth place among the 26 participating schools. The team advanced to the state competition held in Hartford in March, placing 10th among 28 school teams.

In addition to sponsoring competitions, MathCounts' club program provides schools with the structure and activities to hold regular meetings of a math club. Depending on the level of student and teacher involvement, a school may receive a recognition plaque or banner and be entered into a drawing for prizes. Hillcrest's 2008 team achieved the topmost Gold level, earning a recognition banner and plaque, because 80% of the participants scored 80% or higher in the monthly challenges.

With the generous support of sponsors and volunteers, and leadership of the National Society of Professional Engineers at the local and state levels, MathCounts is providing today's students with the foundation for success in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics careers. More information is available at www.mathcounts.org.

From left, front row (kneeling), members of the 2008 Hillcrest Middle School MathCounts team proudly displaying the Gold banner they earned this year are: Alexis Coppola, Rakshana Selvarajan, Priya Gupta, and Chitra Nidadavolu. Second row (sitting): Roger Lo, Matt Klein, and Ben Veres. Third row (standing): Andrew Vojt, Jr., Nate Matschke, Anna Kim, Annie Lane, Jill Murray, and Advisor Malathi Muralidharan. Team members not pictured: Anurag Chinepalli and Madeline Krahn.