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## **Apex College Prep Students Receive Awards in National Math Contest**

Seattle, WA – February 17, 2011 – Apex College Prep has some of the best middle-school mathematicians in the country, as demonstrated by their strong performance in the 2011 Four-by-Four Competition, a national mathematics contest administered by National Assessment & Testing (<http://www.natassessment.com>). Coach Jason Yi prepared students for this contest, in which teams of four participated in ten three-minute rounds in which they attempted to answer four questions. This effectively gives each student three minutes to answer one problem, but the team must also decide who will work each problem and whether their time would be better spent checking one another's work on easier and more familiar problems or if they should attempt to answer all four questions.

After results from schools across the country were double-checked, two of Apex College Prep's four-person teams received awards in the middle-school division. The team of Jiheum Yeom, Ryan Jiang, Michael Wornow, and Jackson Stenger placed first, while the team of Jackie An, Eugene Gil, and Frank Lee placed third. National Assessment & Testing's next contest, the 2011 Collaborative Problem-Solving Contest, runs from April 13th to April 20th. This contest allows a team to collaborate for one week on fifteen difficult and complicated problems, and rewards real-world problem-solving skills such as brainstorming, collaboration, research, and the application of technology.

National Assessment & Testing administers high-quality mathematics competitions that schools can participate in through the mail. Their contests span a variety of formats, including individual and team tests, as well as a variety of difficulties, from an easier 100 problems in 30 minutes to 15 more complicated problems in one week.

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