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

Seattle, WA – January 26, 2012 – Walnut Creek’s Apex College Prep has some of the best middle-school mathematicians in the country, as demonstrated by their strong finish in the 2011 CIPHERING Time Trials, a national mathematics contest administered by National Assessment & Testing (<http://www.natassessment.com>). Coach Jason Yi prepared students for the last major competition of 2011, consisting of ten rounds in which they had three minutes to solve three problems. The problems in each round covered a range of difficulties in diverse topics, challenging the most-experienced students to answer all three questions within the time limit and requiring less-experienced students to quickly decide which problems they’ll need to skip.

After results from students across the country were double-checked, several Apex students received individual awards. Ashley Gyubin Jang placed 10th in the 9th-grade division, while in the Middle School division Sharon Chen and Ryan Jiang tied for 12th place, Kayla Choi placed 18th, and Jackson Stenger was 23rd. Apex College Prep will be participating in National Assessment & Testing’s next contest, the 2012 Four-by-Four Competition, on Thursday, February 2nd, which offers a very similar contest format to teams of four rather than to individual students. National Assessment & Testing’s final contest of the year, the 2012 Collaborative Problem-Solving Contest, will take place in mid-April, when entire schools will collaborate for one week, doing research and applying technology to fifteen complex problems.

National Assessment & Testing administers a number of high-quality mathematics competitions that schools can receive through the mail and administer at their convenience. Their contests cover a variety of formats, including individual and team tests, as well as different levels of difficulty, from an easier 100 problems in 30 minutes to a more complicated 15 problems in one week.

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