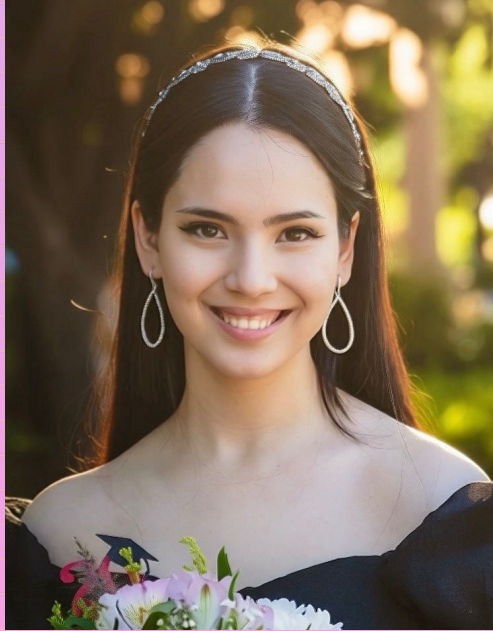


2026 Math and AI 4 Girls Awards Ceremony

Welcome, all!
For today, we recommend having a pen, paper, and additional
electronic device ready!

June 20, 2026

About us: Founder & Co-Presidents of MA4G



Natalie Shell



Angie Huang



Sophia Jin

About us: Acting Co-Presidents of MA4G



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Angelina Wang

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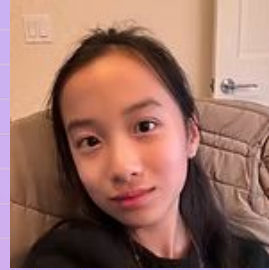
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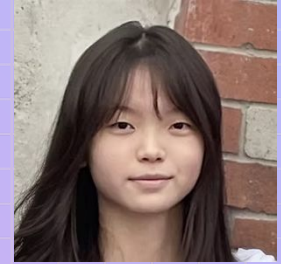
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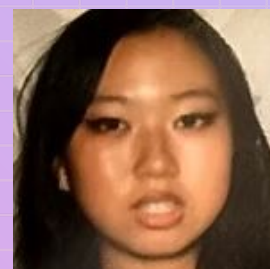
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Arya Nayak



Lily Ma



Stella Hong



Lisa Cao

Today's Agenda, part 1

Name	Activity
Sophia Jin, Angie Huang, Natalie Shell (Presidents & Founder of MA4G)	Introduction
MA4G Team	Competition statistics and info
Vicki Salzman Guest Speaker	Guest speaker presentation Q&A with Contestants
Melody Wu & Evelyn Qiao (MA4G Team Members)	Interactive Activity 1 – Math Kahoot

Today's Agenda, part 2

Name	Activity
Rachel Thomas Guest Speaker	Guest speaker presentation Q&A with Contestants
Arya Nayak & Melody Wu (MA4G Team Members)	Interactive Activity 2 – MA4G Trivia Kahoot
MA4G Team	Announcement of winners
Angie Huang, Sophia Jin	Closing

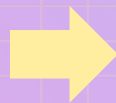
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Competition Data

10K+

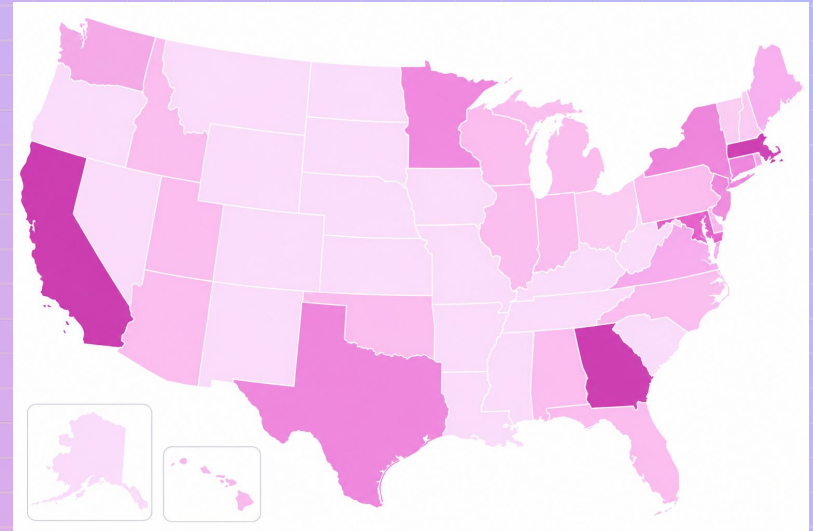
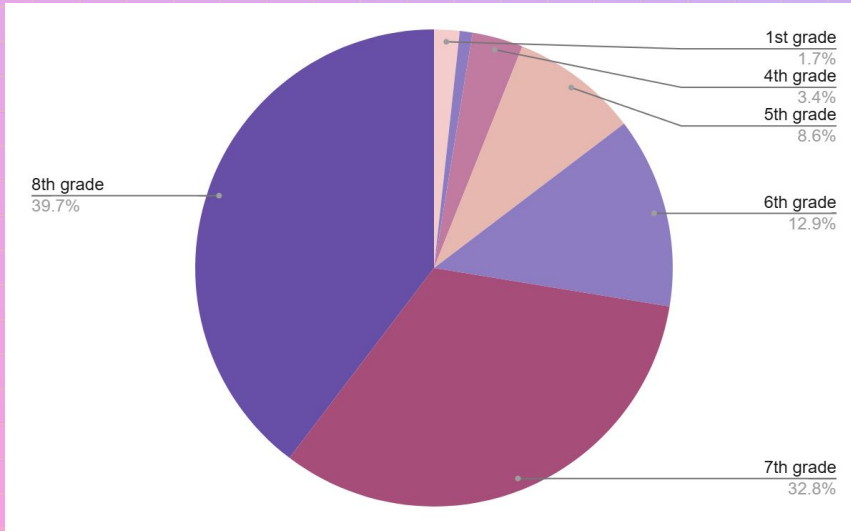


350+

**Views on MA4G
Website**

**Draft
Submissions**

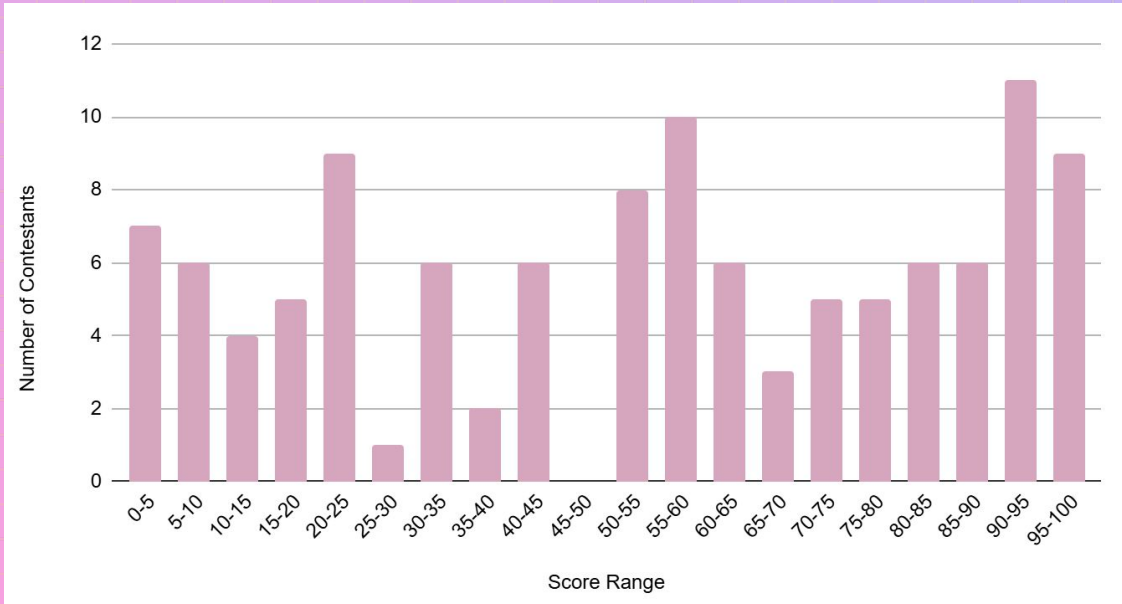
Competition Data



Entries from 28 States!

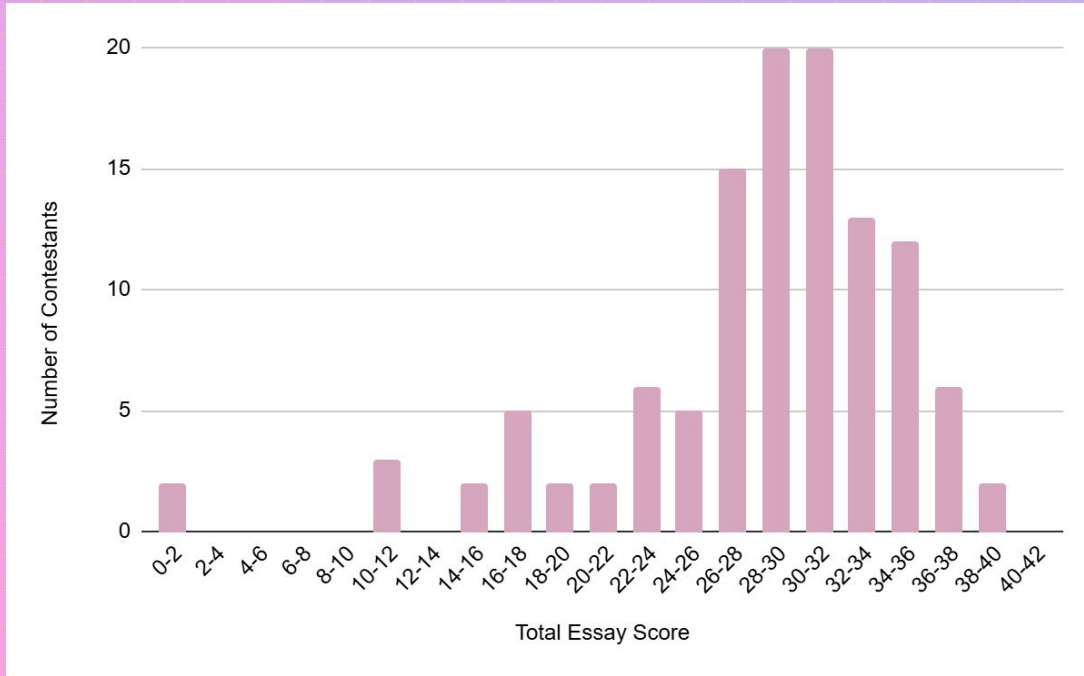
A quick summary of our entries by grade and state!

Problem Set Statistics



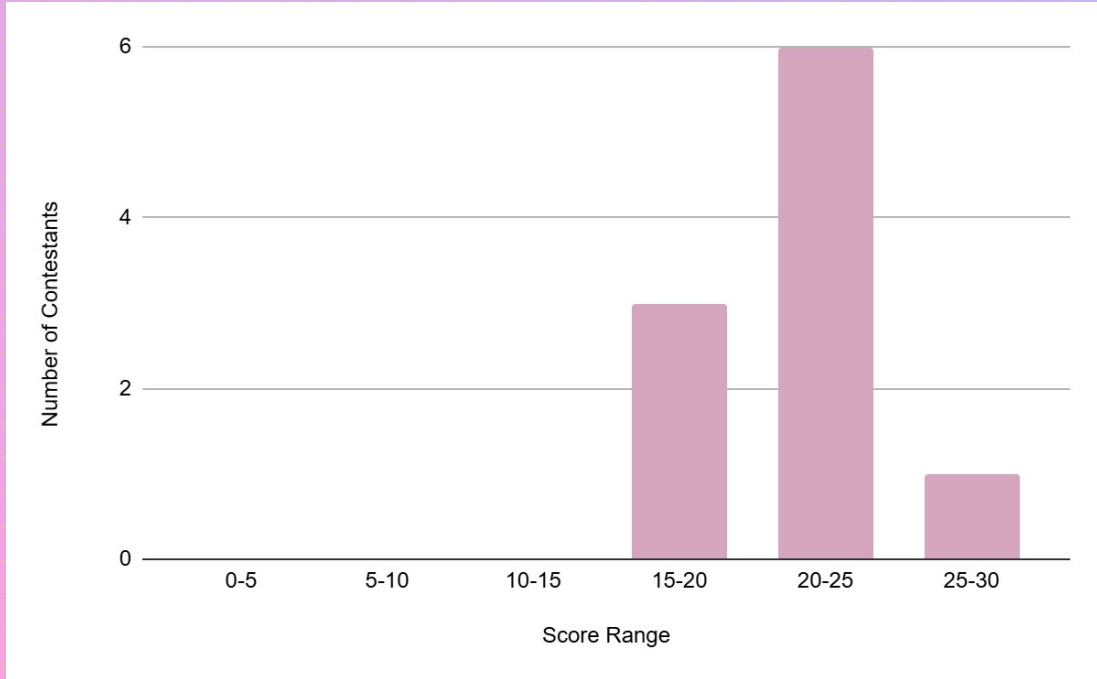
Min	0
Q1	23.875
Mean	53.859
Median	55.75
Q3	81.5
Max	99

Essay Statistics



	Total	1st Essay	2nd Essay
Min	0	0	0
Q1	24.5	11.5	12
Mean	26.4	13.3	13.5
Median	28	13.5	14
Q3	30.3	16	16
Max	37.3	19.8	20

Interview Statistics



Min	15.31
Q1	18.80
Mean	21.03
Median	21.24
Q3	23.36
Max	26.06

Vicki Salzman

Guest Speaker



Vicki Salzman, is the Chief Strategic Development Officer for the Multi-Agency Alliance for Children, MAAC. MAAC works with providers and youth in foster care and Vicki oversees and manages strategic growth efforts including fund development, key strategic partnerships, marketing, communications, data, and evaluation. She serves as Vice-President on the board of the GA HOBY Leadership Seminar, was a 1993 Florida HOBY and WLC alumni. She also serves on the board of the North Atlanta High School Foundation and is a founding board member of the Build Community Give Care foundation, which works to expand palliative care options in Africa. She graduated from the University of Florida majoring in Zoology and Sociology and enjoys road trips, watching football, snorkeling, camping and hiking with her husband Seth, and their three children- Noah, 19, Samantha 17 and Veronica 13.

Let's play a game and test your mathematical ability!

The winner will receive a \$25 AOPS gift card!

www.kahoot.it

Game Pin: **6249912**

“Nickname”: Use your full, real name

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on a separate device!

Rachel Thomas

Guest Speaker



Rachel Thomas earned her PhD in mathematics from Duke University and was an early engineer at Uber. In 2016, she co founded fast.ai, which created one of the most popular and long-running AI courses. She was professor & director of University of San Francisco Center for Applied Data Ethics. She now lives in Brisbane, Australia and works on R&D at Answer.AI

Q&A with Vicki and Rachel!

Contestants, please send your questions in the chat! You can send them to **“Everyone in Meeting”** or **“Emma Yu”**

You may have guessed it - let's
play another game!

The winner will receive a \$25 AOPS gift card!

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Game Pin: **9034363**

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<https://discord.gg/eDZUF4eHG4>





POTW + POTM Overall Winners

- Given to the contestants who scored the highest cumulative score over our problem of the week series and problem of the month series!
- Prizes: \$25 AOPS Gift Card



Problem of the Week (POTW) Winner



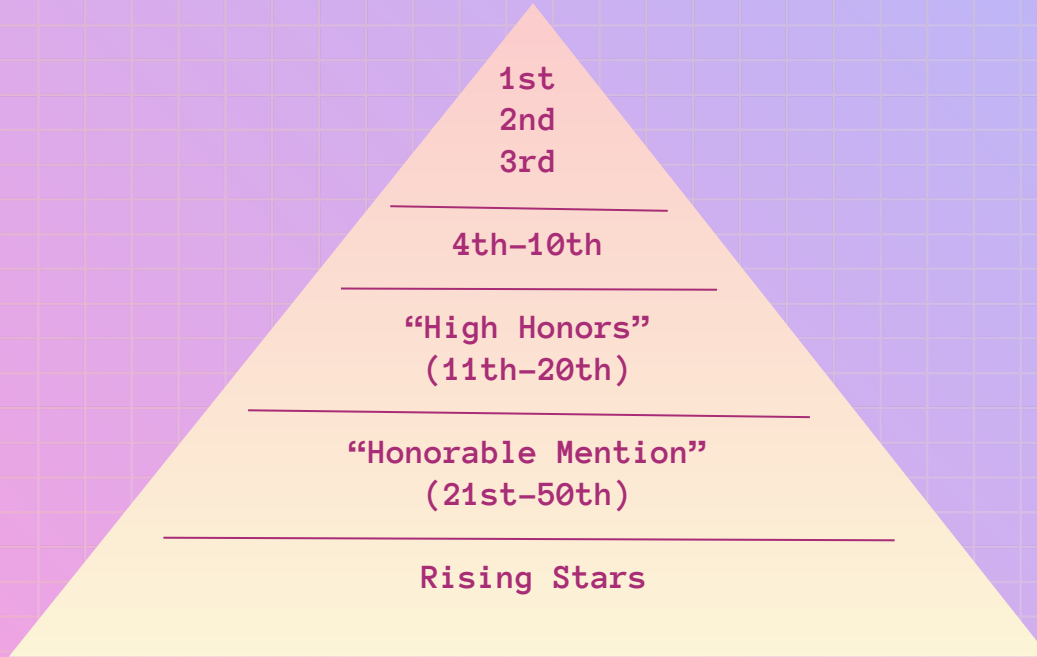
**Ishanvi Jha
7th Grade
Connecticut**

Problem of the Month (POTM) Winner

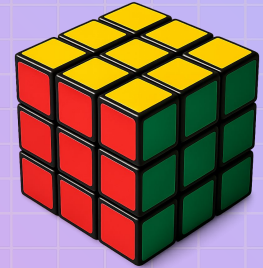
**Kalie Jia
8th Grade
Massachusetts**



Award Categories



Merchandise (courtesy of HRT & Jane Street)





RISING STAR AWARD

- Three highest scoring 5th & under and three highest 6th graders who were not in the top 50
- Girls who impressed judges by showing tremendous promise
- Prize: Swag bag + certificate



Certificate

Contestant Name

For achieving the rising star award in the
2026 Math & AI For Girls contest

Angie King

Natalie Shell

Sophia Jin





RISING STAR AWARD

5th Grade and Under

- Bryanna Bu (MA)
- Ginger Kellogg (MA)
- Hamsini Venkatesh (NH)

6th Grade

- Claire Wang (CA)
 - Demi Cui (IN)
 - Aadya Trivedi (Ca)
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Honorable Mention


- Given to girls who placed 21st through 50th, impressing us with their passion and ability.
- Prize: Swag bag + certificate





Honorable Mentions

- ❖ Julie Ye
- ❖ Suhani Joshi
- ❖ Leah Xie
- ❖ Avery M Lin
- ❖ Aashna Bavera
- ❖ Swara Warke
- ❖ Isabella Song
- ❖ Chloe Yan
- ❖ Vina Zhang
- ❖ Diksha Uppal
- ❖ Chloe Yang
- ❖ Anuya Kothari
- ❖ Aadhya Balan
- ❖ Laura Zhao
- ❖ Robin Byun

- ❖ Angela Ding
 - ❖ Ira Patel
 - ❖ Veronica Chen
 - ❖ Arika Kundu
 - ❖ Rachael Feng
 - ❖ Alexa Guo
 - ❖ Anna Zhang
 - ❖ Emma Huang
 - ❖ Shweta Upadhyay
 - ❖ Anne Fei
 - ❖ Katie Lu
 - ❖ Akshaya Vinodh
 - ❖ Karuna Uppal
 - ❖ Anoushka Nai
 - ❖ Seoyoon Hwang
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HIGH HONORS

- Girls placed 11th through 20th
- Given to 10 girls who deeply inspired judges with their passion and ability
- Prize: \$50 + swag bag + certificate



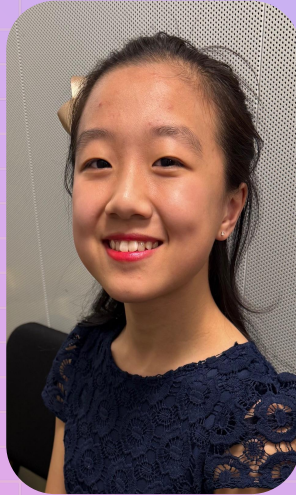
High Honors



Emma Yan
7th Grade
MA



Stuti Chitradurga
8th Grade
CA



Joanna Liu
8th Grade
MD



Kate Gao
8th Grade
MN



Harika Appalla
8th Grade
CA

High Honors



Ivy Li
8th Grade
MD



Isabelle Wang
8th Grade
CA



Youan Wu
8th Grade
IL



Claire Zhuang
8th Grade
AZ



Samhita Yellepeddi
8th Grade
TX



**Computation
Award**



**Inspire
Award**

**Special Award
Categories**



**Visionary
Award**



Special Awards

- Given to the girls who scored the highest on each section of the competition (interview, problem set, and essay)
- These girls impressed judges with their visions, computations, and inspiring ideas.
- Prize: Cash prize





Visionary Award

Given to the student who received the highest score on the interview section given to the top 10 participants.

This student received a 26.06 out of 30.

(This contestant will receive an additional \$100 cash prize and a special certificate)



Visionary Award



Catherine Pennington
8th Grade
Connecticut



The Computation Award:

Given to the student who received the highest score on the problem set, a 99 out of 100.

(This contestant will receive an additional \$100 cash prize and a special certificate)





The Computation Award:



Jelena Dong
8th Grade
Georgia





The Inspire Award:

Given to the student who received the highest score on the essay section, a 37.25 out of 40.

(This contestant will receive an additional \$100 cash prize and a special certificate)



The Inspire Award:



**Angie Zhu
7th Grade
Maryland**

4-10th Place

- Given to 6 girls who went truly above and beyond. These girls submitted clear and concise problem sets, and expressed extraordinary accomplishments, vision, and leadership through both their essays and their interviews.
- Prize: \$100 + swag bag + telescope from Automation Anywhere + certificate



10. Sharon Luk



**7th Grade
California**

Short biography

Sharon is a 7th grader at Redwood Middle School. She enjoys doing math and has participated in the MathCounts State Competition and BmMT. She was a member of her school's Science Bowl team this year and is passionate about Earth and Space Science. She has been playing the violin for 4 years, received 2nd place in her division of the Charleston International Music Competition, and was a second violinist in the 2026 CASMEC All-State Junior High String Orchestra. She likes reading books and swimming. She plays badminton with her friends in her free time.

9. Ishani Dasgupta



**6th Grade
California**

Short biography

Ishani is a grade 6 student who loves math. She started her competitive math journey in grade 4 and this year she was able to qualify for AIME with a Distinction in AMC10. She also received a perfect score in AMC8, Distinguished Honorable mention in BmMT and rank 6 in the 6th grade division of Mathleague Middle School National Championship Contest. She also enjoys quizzing, playing the piano, swimming, and Bharatnatyam (an Indian classical dance). Recently, she has started volunteering at local kitchens and city parks which she finds really rewarding. She looks forward to bringing her passion for math and volunteering together in pursuit of encouraging more girls like herself in STEM.

8. Sophia Chen



**8th Grade
Indiana**

Short biography

Sophia Chen is an 8th grader at Davidson Academy Online in Carmel, Indiana. She loves learning all about math and often finds herself clicking through random math Wikipedia pages after particularly interesting multivar calculus classes. As an avid math competitor, she is a MOP invitee, having gotten Honors at JMO this year, a 3x MATHCOUNTS Nationals Qualifier, and a MPFG Olympiad Bronze medalist. Outside of math, Sophia also likes various other STEM subjects like physics, coding, astronomy, and AI, recently achieving a silver medal in USAAIO. In her free time, she enjoys playing the violin, drawing, and hiking.

7. Ella Yu



**7th Grade
New York**

Short biography

Ella Yu is a 7th grader at Barker Road Middle School. She began her math journey in 4th grade by participating in the AMC 8 and earning Achievement Roll recognition. Since then, she has earned Honor Roll twice and participated in several math competitions, including qualifying for MATHCOUNTS State twice and placing 1st at the chapter level this year. She also participated in USAMTS and earned an overall Bronze distinction.

Outside of math, Ella is an accomplished musician. She plays several instruments, including violin, for which she is a two-time All-State qualifier and three-time All-County qualifier. She is also a violinist in Hochstein's Philharmonia Orchestra. In addition, she plays piano and won 3rd place and the Classical Prize in last year's Nazareth competition. In her free time, Ella enjoys reading, doodling, and playing the clarinet.



6. Angie Zhu



Short biography

Angie Zhu is a 7th grader at Herbert Hoover Middle School, passionate about math and science. She loves solving challenging math problems and enjoys studying advanced mathematical topics. She is a USAJMO Qualifier, two times AMC8 perfect scorer, two times Mathcounts National Qualifier, and Mathleague National Gold Medalist. She has also won first place twice in the Integirls DC math competition. Outside of her STEM activities, Angie is a multiple-time national prize winner for classical piano and flute.

**7th Grade
Maryland**



5. Catherine Pennington



Short biography

Catherine is an 8th grader in Connecticut who is curious about math, physics and astronomy. She likes playing volleyball, playing pickleball, and skiing! In her free time, she plays the guitar and violin. She also likes traveling, spending time with her friends and family, and playing with her Rubik's Cube.

**8th Grade
Connecticut**

4. Alexandra Baskakova



**7th Grade
Massachusetts**

Short biography

Alexandra Baskakova is a 7th grade student from Newton Massachusetts. She had found her passion for math at a young age and placed high in many regional and national math competitions. She won a gold medal at the MathCON Finals, won the Massachusetts InteGirls contest, earned the Distinguished Honor Roll in AMC 8, qualified for the AIME and was a Countdown participant at the Mathleague Middle School National Championship. She was recognized with the AlphaStar Omer Faruk Tekin Scholarship and the MAA Maryam Mirzakhani AMC 8 Certificate. Alexandra enjoys being part of the RSM Teams program and learning with FrostMath, Athemath, AwesomeMath, and AlphaStar. Outside of math, she likes doing many STEM related activities, as well as drawing, reading, swimming, riding her bicycle and playing tennis. She was a founding member of the Heart&Sole team in the Girls on the Run program.





3rd Place:

- \$300
 - A swag bag
 - Certificate
 - Telescope
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3. Stella Cheng



**7th Grade
New Jersey**

Short biography

Stella Cheng is a 7th grader from Community Middle School in New Jersey. She is passionate about mathematics, and has competed in math competitions from a young age. Stella has qualified for the American Invitational Mathematics Examination, and represented her school's top 4 students' team in the MATHCOUNTS States Competition. In addition to mathematics, Stella is an avid musician. She has played the violin for 8 years, and currently serves as the concertmaster of Philadelphia Youth Orchestra Music Institute's Young Musician Debut Orchestra. In her free time, Stella enjoys reading fictional books, playing tennis, and spending time with family and friends.

Judges' Comments

Stella's entry was incredibly impressive and thought-provoking, mixing stellar achievements, a clear growth mindset, and deep-seated passion for math. Her practice of reframing challenging problems as opportunities to improve and think about problems in a different way has led her to several exceptional achievements, such as qualifying for AIME and representing her school in the state MATHCOUNTS competition. In her essays, she highlighted the importance of this mindset in math and proposed an adaptive AI system that helps students find new ways to approach a problem whenever they feel stuck. Stella's passion and insight, combined with the mathematical aptitude demonstrated by her near-perfect score on the problem set, truly stood out to us.



2nd Place:

- \$500
 - A swag bag
 - Certificate
 - Telescope
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2. Evie Elgart



**8th Grade
Virginia**

Short biography

Evie Elgart is an eighth-grade student in Montgomery County, Virginia, fascinated by problems that lie at the interface of math, biology, and computation. She makes data visualizations in R during her spare time, loves number theory and differential equations, and enjoys spending her weekends with a good problem. Previously, Evie got the chance to be a World Science Scholar; she has also been awarded a Non-Trivial Fellowship, volunteers at Tutoring Without Borders, and was a Gold winner in the latest USA Mathematical Talent Search (USAMTS). Outside of STEM, Evie loves all styles of dance, especially jazz and ballet, and is a former Gus Giordano Company Dancer. She also enjoys crocheting, playing chess, and hiking the Huckleberry trail.

Judges' Comments

Through her mathematical models of dengue and other infectious viruses to her involvement in Tutoring Without Borders, Evie's passion for math and commitment to service have left a lasting impression on us. Her dedication to STEM is reflected in her essays, and not only do they show her love for math and science but also the impact she made. Beyond math, Evie demonstrated her passion for STEM during her interviews with insightful responses about motivation to explore the bias and ethical use of AI.





1st Place:

- \$1000
- A swag bag
- Certificate
- Telescope



1. Jelena Dong



**8th Grade
Georgia**

Short biography

Jelena is an eighth grader at Fulton Science Academy in Georgia who has been doing competition math since fourth grade. She has achieved AMC 10 DHR, and is a two-time AIME qualifier, national Mathcounts qualifier as state champion, 3 time Math Kangaroo perfect scorer, and more. She has also competed in BMT, SMT, HMMT, and ARML, etc. She participates in her school's orchestra, rocketry team, and satellite team. Outside of math, she enjoys swimming, volleyball, reading, crocheting, and solving all types puzzles. Her favorite puzzles are jigsaw puzzles and she has been solving jigsaw puzzles ever since she was a toddler. She also enjoys solving sudokus and other number puzzles.

Judges' Comments

Jelena's passion for STEM and her dedication to making a positive impact in her community, especially her interest in tackling water pollution, really impressed us. Her application demonstrated a strong sense of initiative, intellectual curiosity, and dedication to causes she is passionate about. She also demonstrated creative problem-solving skills, applying novel solutions to challenges, reflecting strong critical thinking and a readiness to think outside the box. In addition, her volunteer work was very meaningful and further demonstrated her commitment to service, leadership, and community involvement, which resonated with us.



Special Thanks

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Closing

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