

2009 STATE TEAM



Oxford Middle School, Clinton, won the state finals of the MATHCOUNTS competition held recently in Pearl at Hinds Community College. Members of the winning team above are second from left: Taide Ding, Nicholas Lee, Sam Mossing, Joonhee Jo. Sam Watson, (left) Oxford Middle School teacher, was their coach.

2009 NATIONAL TEAM



The top individual scorers from the State MATHCOUNTS Competition held recently in Pearl at Hinds Community College represented Mississippi at the national finals in Orlando, Florida in May. Team members are (left to right) Tanvi Rao, Clinton Junior High School; Benny Zhang, Oak Grove Middle School, Hattiesburg; Huiying Zhang, Armstrong Middle School, Starkville; Taide Ding, Oxford Middle School and Sam Watson, Coach, Oxford Middle School.

2009 STATE MATHCOUNTS COMPETITION

A team of 7th and 8th grade mathletes from Oxford Middle School, Oxford, won the state finals of the MATHCOUNTS contest. Forty-five students participated in the state competition representing 22 schools from around the state.

The top individual scorer this year was Benny Zhang from Armstrong Middle School in Hattiesburg.

Members of the winning team from Oxford Middle School included: Taide Ding, Nicholas Lee, Sam Mossing and Joonhee Jo.

The second and third place teams were Clinton Junior High School, Clinton and Armstrong Middle School, Starkville.

The top four individuals from the state contest represented Mississippi at the national finals in May in Orlando, Florida. The four team members are Tanvi Rao, Clinton Junior High School, Clinton; Benny Zhang, Armstrong Middle School, Hattiesburg; Huiying Zhang, Armstrong Middle School, Starkville; and Taide Ding, Oxford Middle School, Oxford.

MATHCOUNTS is a combination math coaching and competition program and is designed to answer the problem of poor math skills among U.S. students.

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