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Over 650 students participate in 51st Math Super Bowl



More than 650 seventh- and eighth-grade students from 39 schools participated in the 51st annual Math Super Bowl yesterday, March 12. The students competed in three events – working independently (Power Bowl), in teams with their classmates (Team Bowl), and with students from other schools (Pro Bowl).

In the Pro Bowl competition, the top-scoring, seventh-grade team included Abigail Wynn (Sequoia Middle School, Porterville), Aimee Ruiz Bello (Mulcahy Middle School, Tulare), David Galvan (Strathmore Middle School), Yessica Cruz (El Monte Middle School, Orosi), and Kaylee Butt (Oak Grove School, Visalia).

The top-scoring, eighth-grade team included Anastasia Mikhael (Ridgeview Middle School, Visalia), Camila Duenas (Cherry Ave. Middle School, Tulare), Christina Sperry (La Joya Middle School, Visalia), Lily Condit (George McCann School, Visalia), and Sabrina Westra (Sundale Union School, Tulare).

In the Team Bowl competition, the top-scoring, eighth-grade teams were Roosevelt Elementary (Lindsay), Sundale Union School (Tulare), St. Paul's School (Visalia), Ridgeview Middle School (Visalia), and Sycamore Valley Academy (Visalia). The top-scoring, seventh-grade teams were Sequoia Middle School (Porterville), La Joya Middle School (Visalia), and Green Acres Middle School (Visalia).



Individually, Mason Yates of La Joya (Large School) and Ethan Ng of Oak Grove, Visalia (Small School) were the overall seventh-grade Power Bowl winners. For eighth grade, Michael Herrera of Tulare's Live Oak Middle School (Large School) and Landen Krueger of Lemon Cove's Sequoia Union School (Small School) were the overall Power Bowl winners.

For a complete list of results, visit tcoe.org/MathSuperBowl/Results.

Photos above:

~ The top-scoring, eighth-grade Pro Bowl team (top) and Ethan Ng (bottom) pose with their awards at the Math Super Bowl awards ceremony.

Migrant holds annual Speech & Debate Tournament

On Saturday, the Migrant Education Program held its seventh annual Regional Speech & Debate Tournament. Twenty-six students from Tulare and Kings county schools participated with 23 competing in the speech category and three in the debate category.

The following students were awarded first place in speech and will advance to the state tournament, which will be held May 4 in Monterey:

Hugo Mendez Guzman (Washington Intermediate School, Dinuba), Gladis Castillo (Dinuba High School), Eduardo Iniguez (Dinuba High School), Camila Orozco (Corcoran High School), Jimena Garcia (Dinuba High School), Edwin Castillo (Dinuba High School), and Alejandra Escareno (Dinuba High School).

Several students secured their seats at the state tournament as they were the only participants in their grade/language category. Students who automatically advanced to the state tournament in the speech category are: Sara Briseño (Parkview Middle School, Armona Union), Erandi Fraga Melgarejo (Washington Intermediate School, Dinuba), and Kimberly A. Camacho (Dinuba High School). For the debate category, a team of three students included: Edwin Muñoz Chavez, Francisco Orozco, and Noe Rivera Reyes all from John Muir Middle School in the Corcoran Joint Unified School District.

Teachers, who were assigned to work with students advancing to the state tournament, will continue to provide guidance as students work to improve their oral and presentation skills.

The [Migrant Education Program](#) invites teachers from Tulare and Kings counties interested in providing instruction to migratory students in the upcoming school year to contact Anabel González, program director, at (559) 651-3035.

The Migrant Education Program's goal is to increase the number of students who participate in the Speech & Debate Program each year.

Photo above:



~ Camila Orozco of Corcoran High School presents her speech to the judges at the seventh annual Regional Speech & Debate Tournament.

Top teams in annual Science Olympiad bound for state competition



On Saturday, over 300 students from 16 Tulare County middle and high schools competed in the annual Science Olympiad for the chance to advance to the NorCal Science Olympiad competition in April.

Students tested their knowledge and skills in over 20 written and build events, ranging from anatomy, ecology, and forensics to tower strength and aircraft performance.

The middle school teams that qualified for the state competition include 1st: Green Acres Middle School (Visalia), 2nd: Live Oak Middle School (Tulare), 3rd: Ridgeview Middle School (Visalia), and 4th: Palo Verde Union School (Tulare).

The high school teams advancing to NorCal include 1st: University Preparatory High School (Visalia), 2nd: Redwood High School (Visalia), 3rd: Tulare Union High School, and 4th: Golden West High School (Visalia).

Complete Science Olympiad results can be found at tcoe.org/scienceolympiad/results.

Photos above:

~ Students from University Preparatory High School pose with their first-place trophy, won at the annual Tulare County Science Olympiad competition on Saturday, March 9.

Sarvadnya Kadam wins Tulare County Spelling Championship for second year in a row



Last week, returning champion Sarvadnya Kadam, a seventh-grade student at Oak Grove Elementary School in Visalia, captured the 2024 Tulare County Spelling Championship by spelling *ratatouille*, the French vegetable dish. Sarvadnya won the championship in the 20th round. He will represent Tulare County at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in May. Of his experience competing in the national event in 2023, he said, “Last time it was incredible. In my first attempt, I was 23rd. So that, itself, was a good thing. I’m planning to do better this year.”

This year, 100 elementary and middle school students competed in the 25th Annual Tulare County Spelling Championship. In second place was Isla Jay, a seventh-grade student from Sequoia Middle School in Porterville. Yunnuen Cruz, an eighth-grade student from Live Oak Middle School in Tulare, placed third.

Since 1999, the Tulare County Spelling Championship has been co-hosted by the Tulare County Office of Education and the Visalia Times-Delta / Tulare Advance-Register.

At the competition, spelling master Scot Hillman, chairman emeritus of JDH in Tulare, and lead judge Carlyn Lambert, a retired Visalia Unified administrator, were recognized for their 25 years of service to the event.

Sarvadnya Kadam's words

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Photo above:

~ Sarvadnya Kadam (third from left) is a seventh-grade student at Oak Grove Elementary School in Visalia who captured the 2024 Tulare County Spelling Championship.

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