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**STUDENTS WIN
SOUTHEAST CHAPTER MATHCOUNTS COMPETITION**

Lincoln – A team of middle school Mathletes® from Lux Middle School won the Southeast Chapter **MATHCOUNTS** competition held at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln. The top individual in the written competition was Jae Hyun Lim from Hazel Scott Middle School in Lincoln.

First place team trophies were awarded to Lux Middle School – Lincoln.
Members: Felix Cui, Alan Lee, Lara Quiring and Madison Weber.
Team coach: Leona Penner.

Second place team trophies were awarded to Hazel Scott Middle School – Lincoln. Members: Jae Hyun Lim, Cole Homer, Zach Jewell and Troy Nguyen.
Team Coach: Allan Rezac.

Third place team trophies were awarded to Pound Middle School – Lincoln.
Members: Charlotte Guyer, Hailey Bottoms, Jackson Dettmer and Elizabeth Yost. Team Coach: Gary Furse.

Fourth place team trophies were awarded to Irving Junior High School – Lincoln.
Members: Hanna Hoffman, Caleb Martin, Joanna Hejl and Tori Flader. Team Coach: Andrea Volf.

The top two teams will now advance to the State Competition, to be held in Lincoln on March 17.

Also attending the State Competition will be the top four individuals not on the two winning teams. The individuals are: Hanna Hoffman from Irving Junior High School, David Tines from St. Joseph Catholic School, Keenan Allen from Lux Middle School, and Charlotte Guyer from Pound Middle School.

In our increasingly technological society, those students who do not begin developing strong problem-solving, logical thinking and analytical abilities in middle school will face an uphill battle later in life if they wish to pursue a medical, scientific, mathematical, engineering or technical career. As a national math enrichment, coaching and competition program designed to improve math skills among U.S. students, **MATHCOUNTS** prepares students for future career opportunities and success. More than 7 million students across the U.S. have participated in the **MATHCOUNTS** program.

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