

(Nashville, Tennessee, March 18, 2017) -- Teams of 6th, 7th and 8th grade student

Mathletes from public, private, and parochial middle schools, junior high schools, and homeschools across Tennessee competed in the Tennessee state-level competition of the national MATHCOUNTS program on March 21, 2015, at the Tennessee Engineering Center in Nashville, Tennessee. The Tennessee MATHCOUNTS regional and state contests are organized and sponsored annually by the local chapters of the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers and by the Tennessee Engineering Foundation.

A total of 20 schools and 46 students from across Tennessee, winners of their local competitions in January and February, competed at the state-level competition.

Teachers and students prepared for this competition since the beginning of this school year. Students competed individually and as teams in written and fast-paced oral matches. Subjects included probability, statistics, linear algebra, and polynomials. Winners of the individual, team, and oral lightning "Countdown Round" competitions received awards, trophies, and prizes.

The winners of the Tennessee State MATHCOUNTS competition are:

Winning Individuals (Written Competition):

Name	School	Coach
George Zhang	Memphis University School	Meredith McFarland
Sahil Gaba	Ross N Robinson Middle School, Kingsport	Lisa Bratton
Alex Zhang	Schilling Farms Middle School, Memphis	Pamela Shirley
Colin Tang	Montgomery Bell Academy, Nashville	Maggie Qian

State Team Coach: Montgomery Bell Academy

Maggie Qian

Winning Teams (Written Competition):

1. Montgomery Bell Academy, Nashville
Andrew Bulgarino, Sam Meacham, Patrick Pergande, Colin Tang
Coach: Maggie Qian
2. Schilling Farms Middle School, Memphis
Daniel Cui, Emily Sun, Lawrence Wang, Alex Zhang
Coach: Pamela Shirley
3. Ross N Robinson Middle School, Kingsport
Chandi Bhat, Sahil Gaba, Ryan Herzog, Neekon Nejad
Coach: Lisa Bratton

Winning Individuals (Countdown Round / Oral Competition):

- | | Name | School |
|----|-------------|-------------------------|
| 1. | Sahil Gaba | Ross N Robinson |
| 2. | Sam Meacham | Montgomery Bell Academy |

- | Coach |
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| Lisa Bratton |
| Maggie Qian |



*Countdown Round Winners L to R Photos – Sahil Gaba (Ross N Robinson, Kingsport, 1st Place);
Sam Meacham (Montgomery Bell Academy, Nashville, 2nd Place)*

Tennessee will be represented at the National MATHCOUNTS competition by the top four winners of the state written competition, coached by the coach of the winning team of the state written competition, with an all-expenses-paid trip to the 2016 Raytheon MATHCOUNTS National Competition, which will be held in Orlando, FL on May 13-16, 2017 at the Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista, 1751 Hotel Plaza Boulevard, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830. For more details go to <https://www.mathcounts.org/national-competition>.

The **Tennessee team** representing Tennessee at the National MATHCOUNTS competition is:

Student Mathletes:

George Zhang

Memphis University School

Meredith McFarland

Sahil Gaba

Ross N Robinson Middle School, Kingsport

Lisa Bratton

Alex Zhang

Schilling Farms Middle School, Memphis

Pamela Shirley

Colin Tang

Montgomery Bell Academy, Nashville

Maggie Qian

State Team Coach: Montgomery Bell Academy

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The MATHCOUNTS Competition Program is a national middle school coaching and competitive mathematics program that promotes mathematics achievement through a series of fun and engaging "bee" style contests. The program exists in all 50 states plus U.S. territories and the Department of Defense and State Department schools. Additional details about the MATHCOUNTS program may be found at the national MATHCOUNTS internet web page at <http://www.mathcounts.org>. Mathletes and MATHCOUNTS are registered trademarks of the Mathcounts Foundation, registered in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.



Tennessee Team (L to R) Sahil Gaba (Ross N Robinson, Kingsport), George Zhang (Memphis University School), Alex Zhang (Schilling Farms Middle School, Memphis); Colin Tang and Team Coach, Maggie Qian (Montgomery Bell Academy, Nashville)

2017 Winning Teams



1st Place Team (L to R) Maggie Qian (Coach), Colin Tang, Andrew Bulgarino, Jake Greear, PE (MATHCOUNTS State Coordinator); Sam Meacham; & Patrick Pergande (Montgomery Bell Academy, Nashville)



2nd Place Team (L to R) Jake Greear; Lawrence Wang, Daniel Cui, Alex Zhang, Emily Sun, and Coach Pamela Shirley (Schilling Farms Middle School, Memphis)



3rd Place Team (L to R): Jake Greear, PE; Neekon Nejad, Ryan Herzog, Chandni Bhat, Sahil Gaba, and Coach Lisa Bratton (Ross N Robinson Middle School, Kingsport),

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Pictured L to R – Vanessa Perez, Arnold AFB; Jake Greear, PE (TN MATHCOUNTS Coordinator & McGill Associates); Patrick Leap, PE (PDC Consultants); Not Pictured: Nitaya Chayangkura, PE (Alfred Benesch); Jim Thweatt, PE, Piedmont Natural Gas; Sue Thweatt; and Jennie Shipman (James + Associates).

Pictured L to R – Amy Spann, PE (EnSafe Inc). and Hal Balthrop, PE (Metro Water Services)



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