

(Nashville, Tennessee, March 17, 2018) -- Teams of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade student Mathletes from public, private, and parochial middle schools, junior high schools, and homeschooled students across Tennessee competed in the Tennessee state-level competition of the national MATHCOUNTS program on March 17, 2018, 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 19 schools and 47 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):

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Coach</b>
George Zhang	Memphis University School	Meredith McFarlin
Franklin Zhang	East Middle School, Tullahoma	Trent Stout
Kerry Zhao	Memphis University School	Meredith McFarlin
Alexander Wang	Montgomery Bell Academy, Nashville	Maggie Qian

**State Team Coach:** Memphis University School

Meredith McFarlin

Winning Teams (Written Competition):

1. Memphis University School  
Mark Hieatt, Forest Rudd, George Zhang, and Kerry Zhao  
Coach: Meredith McFarlin
2. Montgomery Bell Academy  
Reid Groomes, Bill Ouyang, Adam Wang, and Alex Wang  
Coach: Maggie Qian
3. Tullahoma East Middle School  
Jake Bennett, DJ Dillehay, Cannon Emory and Franklin Zhang  
Coach: Trent Stout

Winning Individuals (Countdown Round / Oral Competition):

	Name	School	Coach
1.	Franklin Zhang	Tullahoma East Middle School	Trent Stout
2.	Raj Gosalin	White Station Middle School, Memphis	Kristy Hammond



*Countdown Round Winners L to R Photos – Franklin Zhang (Tullahoma East Middle School, 1st Place); Raj Gosalin (White Station Middle School, Memphis, 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 Washington, DC on May 12-15, 2018 at the Renaissance Downtown Washington. 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 McFarlin
Franklin Zhang	East Middle School, Tullahoma	Trent Stout
Kerry Zhao	Memphis University School	Meredith McFarland
Alexander Wang	Montgomery Bell Academy, Nashville	Maggie Qian
<b>State Team Coach:</b> Memphis University School		Meredith McFarlin

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) *George Zhang (Memphis University School), Alex Wang (Montgomery Bell Academy, Nashville), Kerry Zhao (Memphis University School); Franklin Zhang (Tullahoma East Middle School) and Team Coach Meredith McFarlin (Memphis University School)*

## 2018 Winning Teams



**1<sup>st</sup> Place Team (L to R) Meredith McFarlin (Coach), George Zhang, Kerry Zhao, Mark Hieatt, & Forest Rudd (Memphis University School)**

Julian Habermann. Sam DeCoster and Baylor Sai (Montgomery

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team (L to R) Maggie Qian (Coach), Alex Wang, Reid Grooms, Henry Pitt; & Bill Ouyang (Montgomery Bell Academy, Nashville)**



**Third Place Team (L to R): Trent Stout (Coach), DJ Dillehy, Cannon Emory, and Franklin Zhang, Jake Bennett not pictured. (Tullahoma East Middle School)**

Thank you

**2018 MATHCOUNTS Volunteers!**

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