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Pioneer And Valley View Elementary School Students Earn National Awards In Math Olympiad

Ashwaubenon, WI – May 24, 2010 – Several students from Ashwaubenon’s Pioneer and Valley View elementary schools were among 150,000 students worldwide to participate in this year’s Math Olympiad program. Four of the Ashwaubenon students won national awards for excellence by finishing in the top ten percent.

The four national award winners were fifth-graders David Clark from Pioneer and Skye Vandeleest from Valley View who finished in the top two percent. Anders Wikum and Ariana Gibeault, Pioneer fifth-graders, finished in the top ten percent. Fourth-graders Andrew Rathburn of Valley View and Bailey Conradt of Pioneer were Ashwaubenon’s top performers in fourth grade.

Under the supervision of enrichment teachers Barbara Dolan-Wallace and Jean Miller, the students participated in a series of five monthly contests from November to March. The students had to think creatively to solve five unusual and difficult problems during each contest.

Math Olympiad serves over 4,500 teams and 100,000 students nationally and 2,000 teams and 50,000 students from thirty other countries. Since 1979, it has provided fourth through eighth grade students with challenging, thought-provoking problems that stretch their abilities and strengthening their foundation for more advanced studies.

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