

Nine Primary Students Receive Math Contest Awards

By a Staff Reporter

Nine Indian American primary school students were awarded prizes in San Jose, Calif., March 3, for scoring in the top 10 percent at Primary Mathematics World Contest tryouts Jan. 31 and Feb. 1.

To compete to make the U.S. team to represent Silicon Valley at the world competition in Hong Kong in July, students took a 20-problem logical and reasoning math test in 45 minutes.

Those who scored in the top 10 percent are invited to participate in an eight-week training session offered by MathEdge, an organization created in 2005 to teach students to apply problem-solving skills to mathematics.

Another test will be given to select the four to eight students for the final training lasting until June. All expenses for five days, including room, board and local tours, are covered (except airfare).

In 2006, 48 teams and 200 stu-

dents from countries around the world participated in the international math contest.

The contest was open to students born after Sept. 1, 1993, who attend seventh grade or lower. A total of 112 students representing 48 Bay Area schools took the test, which had a high score of 20 points. The most scored was 17.

At the tryouts, Vikram Vasan finished first in the third grade level with a high score of 10 points, an "amazing accomplishment," commented MathEdge coach Ewa Garg. Fourth grader Rahul Jayaraman also tied for first with 10 points, she said.

Anshul Ramachandran, Eloy Fernandez and Aditya Kotecha tied for third in the fifth grade category and Namrata Garg was third in the sixth grade competition. Gautam Bhayani placed third in the seventh grade event, while Omkar Savant and Ayusha Midha place third and fourth, respectively, in the fourth grade tryouts.



Primary students who scored in the top 10 percent at recent Primary Mathematics World Contest tryouts were awarded trophies and medals in San Jose, Calif. Shown in the photo are (l-r, front row): Anshul Ramachandran, Namrata Garg, Ayusha Midha and Eloy Fernandez; (l-r, back row): Gautam Bhayani, MathEdge coach Ewa Garg, Vikram Vasan, Omkar Savant, Rahul Jayaraman. Not pictured: Aditya Kotecha.