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Three Indian American Students Win MathEdge Awards

By a Staff Reporter

Three Indian American elementary school students in Northern California won two second place awards and a third-place medal in the MathEdge competition May 7 in San Jose, Calif. About 50 students competed in the contest.

In the beginner level, Sriram Somasundaram, a third grader from San Jose's Harter School, took second place, despite getting a perfect score. Jimi Wilcox, a third grader from Huff Elementary School in Mountain View, Calif., also had a perfect score, and won a tiebreaker in the second round. The first place winner received a trophy and a week at the MathEdge summer camp, valued at \$275.

Shivani Komma, a third grader at Stevens Creek Elementary School in Cupertino, Calif., captured third place in a tie with another competitor.

In the intermediate level, Namrata Garg, a fifth grader from Portal Elementary School in Cupertino, won a second-place medal in the MathEdge competition and a second-place award in the Sudoku tournament.



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The beginner level winners included Shivani Komma (l), who took third place, and Sriram Somasundaram (r), who came second.

medal in a tie with Amanda Chow.

Garg also placed second May 21 in the three-round Sudoku

tournament, also organized by MathEdge. She won a \$30 cash prize and a medal.

MathEdge was created in 2005 to teach students to apply problem-solving skills to mathematics. As opposed to the computational skills normally taught in schools, MathEdge focuses on the reasoning between a problem and its solution, rather than on the answer itself.