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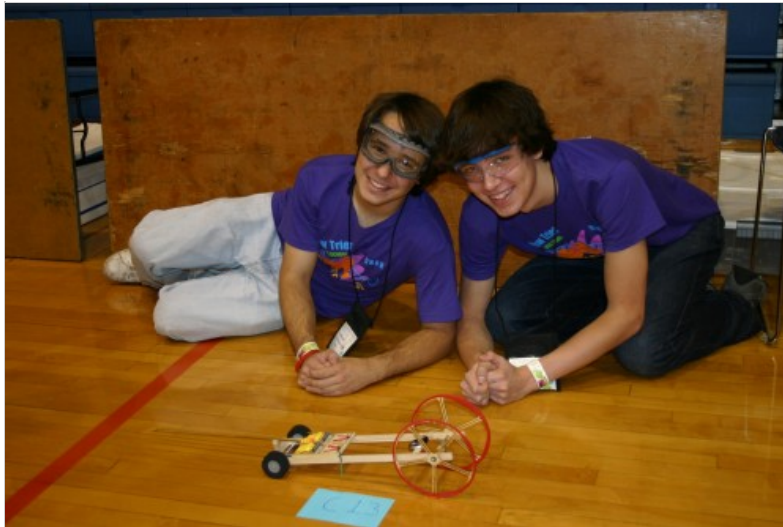


New Trier Science Olympiad competes at nationals

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Last September, the New Trier Science Olympiad season began with 75 dedicated and motivated students. They competed in six invitational meets, which took them to Wisconsin and Ohio to compete against the best in the nation. The weekend of May 21-22 was the culmination of the 2009-10 season, when 30 inspired young men and women on the 2010 New Trier Science Olympiad Team competed at the National Science Olympiad Tournament at the University of Illinois.

Sixty-one teams from across the nation gathered to compete in 28 events. The team returned with a multitude of stories to tell. The headline story is that they brought home the team award — a sixth place trophy. Every member of the team was also given the Mathematica software.

Seniors Erisa Apantaku and Tom Schulz won first place in chemistry lab and also won \$1,000 worth of Texas Instrument materials. First place medal winners also have the option of attending the University of Illinois with a four year tuition scholarship.

Apantaku has been participating in Science Olympiad since she was in middle school. Schulz joined a freshman on the Northfield campus. Apantaku also participated in Anatomy and Physiology (seventh place), Experimental Design (10th place) and Picture This (16th place). Schulz also participated in Mission Possible (12th place), Elevated Bridge (7th Place) and Mousetrap Car (14th place).

Juniors Max Kanter and Andrew Miller have been a team in Forensics since they were freshman. The pair won first place in Forensics. Kanter also medaled in Dynamic Planet with Ira Slomski-Pritz (fifth place). Miller participated in Astronomy with Ira Slomski-Pritz with a ninth place finish.

Senior Dennis Lazar won a third place medal in Egg-O-Naut, and missed a first place medal in Mission by 5 hundredths of a second. He also participated in It's about Time (17th place) and Mousetrap Car (14th place).

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Sophomores Ben Feis and Jeff SubbaRao finished sixth in Physics Lab. Feis also received a seventh place finish with his bridge design, and SubbaRao had a ninth place finish in Remote Sensing.

Sophomores Elaine Shen and Christina Tsai medaled in the trial event Protein Modeling.

The team members who competed were: Erisa Apantaku, Anthony Alvarez-Gerritsen, Emily Berez, Ben Feis, Max Kanter, Dennis Lazar, Andrew Miller, Danny Park, Alana Peters, Ira Slomski-Pritz, Junjie Shangguan, Julia Steinberg, Jeff SubbaRao and Ben Vishny.

The alternates competed in five trial events and they are: Arsalan Aslam, Sadaf Bhai, Adam Cohen, Eleanor Hyun, Nikita Saladi, Michael Salceda, Yalda Shadravan, Eleane Shen, Christina Tsai, Shirlenen Wang and Jeremy Zhang.

The team also took freshmen with: Arthur Tsang, Tyra, Yam, Jung Oh and Miranda Wei.

The team is coached by Jan Leonhardt, Tony Harper, Shayda Crosby, Bruce Credo and David Jabon

Marie Murphy's Science Olympiad team brought home the fifth place trophy in the B Division.

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