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## **The Academy for Science and Design Wins Regional MathCounts Event**

The Academy for Science and Design Charter School, the state's top-performing public school, and largest STEM-specialty school, serving students in grades 6-12, took first-place honors at the 33rd Annual Southern New Hampshire Regional MATHCOUNTS competition on Saturday, January 20, 2016, in Bedford, New Hampshire.

The winning team, coached by Karen Legault and Waiman Long consists of Suhaas Katikaneni, Amol Khanna, Owen Long, and Purushotham Sankarnarayan and Akshay Shinde. They competed against other regional middle school teams in this prestigious competition, which engages the best and brightest in middle school mathematics in an exciting math competition.

The MATHCOUNTS Competition Series is America's only nationwide competition program that motivates and rewards middle school students for math achievement. MATHCOUNTS inspires excellence, confidence and curiosity in U.S. middle school students through fun and challenging math programs. More than 100,000 students in more than 6,000 schools register annually to compete in the MATHCOUNTS Competition Program. The students on the ASD MATHCOUNTS team are coached by math teacher Karen Legault.

In the individual competition, ASD students Suhaas Katikaneni placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, Owen Long placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Swetha Donepudi placed 4<sup>th</sup>.

In the fast-paced Countdown Round, Owen Long placed 1<sup>st</sup>, Suhaas Katikaneni placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Akhil Kammila placed 4<sup>th</sup>.

The members of the top team from the Academy for Science and Design will be joined by these individual winners from ASD at the state MATHCOUNTS on Saturday, March 5, 2016, at Plymouth State University.

The Academy for Science and Design is actively seeking to partner with local companies and businesses for student-centered things such as internships in STEM fields for our students, financial donations, or presenters for our school for the SPARK Conferences. Financial contributions can be an outright financial contribution in the amount of your choice, or can consist of underwriting costs for installing a specific

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Mathcounts Regional winners (first place)

From left: Owen Long, Suhaas Katikaneni, Akshay Shinde, Puru Sankarnarayan and coach Waiman Long.

