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Local High School Victorious at College Math Competition

Tucson, AZ - Six students from Canyon del Oro High School beat 8 other teams from Southern Arizona to win the 4th annual Pima Community College Mathematics Contest, which took place at Pima Community College's downtown campus on October 30, 2009. In the contest, open only to Tucson's freshmen and sophomores, students answered written questions based on general math, algebra and geometry. Medals were awarded to the top five students in each grade, and a trophy was awarded to the team whose students had the highest cumulative total. Salpointe Catholic High School finished third, while Empire High School finished second.

Canyon del Oro freshman Jake Rockland placed fifth in the freshman category. CDO sophomore Jacob Garcia earned a medal for the fifth place overall and CDO sophomore Jeannie Wilkening garnered an award for third place. Also competing for CDO were freshmen Alan Robison, Isaiah Unruh and sophomore Brittany Rudolph.

"We at CDO are very proud of these students. A victory like this is a true testament to their hard work and dedication. They have sacrificed countless hours practicing and preparing for this competition and it appears to have paid off," said Marcia Volpe, CDO Principal. "This win also speaks to the tireless efforts of Coach Chris Yetman, who is always supporting the academic competitions at CDO. Yetman has coached many teams to victory at the local, state and national levels over the several past years and we appreciate all of his leadership."

CDO last competed in 2006, when it also won first place. CDO High School is one of the 22 schools and special programs that make up the Amphitheater School District which serves the educational needs of over 15,000 student's covering 110 square miles of Northwest Tucson and Oro Valley. CDO has been named an "Excelling" school since 2005 under the AZ LEARNS labeling system.

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