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## Glenbard North 20th in national math honor society competition

Glenbard North High School in Carol Stream has some of the best high-school mathematicians in the country, as demonstrated by its 20th-place ranking in the 20042005 Mu Alpha Theta "Log1" Contest. This national mathematics competition is administered by National Assessment \& Testing for Mu Alpha Theta, the national high school mathematics honor society.

Awards for the "Log1" contest are given in each of Mu Alpha Theta's four geographic regions. Glenbard North is in Region I (roughly the western half of the United States). Individual awards are further divided into three divisions based on a student's mathematical experience.

The "Log1" Contest consists of three rounds throughout the year, each modeled after an event that takes place annually at the Mu Alpha Theta national convention. On Nov. 18, student competitors took the first round of the contest, a 15-problem Individual Test covering a broad range of topics and difficulties. After results from hundreds of schools and thousands of students were tallied, Joseph Lindner and Keyur Parikh tied for the highest score at their school, leading Glenbard North to its 20th-place ranking.

The next round of the free Mu Alpha Theta "Log1" Contest will be a choice of three Topic Tests on Jan. 13. These tests will follow the same 15 -question format as the Individual Test, but instead of covering a range of topics, the questions on a Topic Test focus on a specific area of mathematics. Participants in the second round of the competition can choose to test in Equations \& Inequalities, Geometry, or Probability \& Combinatorics.

The final round of the contest will be a Ciphering Test on March 3, in which students will have three minutes to answer three questions in each of 10 sets of problems.

