



NOW AND AGAIN NEWS

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MATHCOUNTS Winners

On Saturday, February 10th, GMP middle school students in our GMP Competes Club traveled to St. Bonaventure University in Olean, NY to compete at the MATHCOUNTS regional competition. Their Coach and GMP I Instructor, Finn Goehrig, has been helping them prepare for competitions every Friday. The winning team included Chuck Hu, Nandini Bhadran, Abraham Joseph, and Ariene Chen. Michael Daniel Giglio and Evan Liao-Cheng also qualified for the state round as individuals. Many of the top individual competition winners were also GMP students including Ryan Wu, Isabella Luk, Marta Macur, Zoe Naim, and Siddhesh Pradhan. The winning team and two qualifying individuals are eligible to compete in the state competition. Congratulations!





AMC 8 Winners

The American Mathematics Contest (AMC) is a timed, multiple-choice examination for middle school students designed to promote the development of problem-solving skills. GMP offered the AMC 8 to all GMP 1 and 2 students in January.

The AMC 8 contest winners for GMP are:

1st Place: *Chuck Hu, GMP I

2nd Place: *ZhiYi Cheng, GMP II

3rd Place: Daniel Lin, GMP II and Elaine Shen, GMP II

*Further congratulations to Chuck Hu and ZhiYi Cheng who both received Honor Roll certificates for scoring in the top 5% nationally. Chuck also received a Certificate of Achievement, which is for students in grade 6 and below who scored over a 15 on the AMC 8. Way to go!

New York State Testing

Schedules and information about Regents Exams and New York State Assessments can be found on our website under <http://giftedmath.buffalo.edu/current/state-testing.php>. You will also find links here to practice test questions and what to bring to the tests. Home schools have been notified to include GMP students in all state assessments, but we do recommend that you check with your school to be sure that your child is included.

GMP students in grade 7 and below should be administered a New York State math assessment at their appropriate grade level in April at their home schools. Younger students are encouraged to try questions at their grade level. Sample questions have been published and are linked from our web page here: [New York State Testing](#)

GMP II, III, and IV students will take the Regents Algebra, Geometry and Algebra II Exams, respectively, at their home schools. Students are strongly encouraged to attend GMP review sessions to be held in May and June. Information on these sessions will be posted on our website on the [New York State Testing](#) page when available.





GMP IV Meeting

Dr. Claudiu Mihai, our GMP V instructor and Associate Director, plans to meet with GMP IV families regarding considerations for entering GMP V and VI. Your students will be making the decision of whether to continue into the college level MTH classes here and whether to take them for college credit. Dr. Mihai will discuss this with you and your students and will take your questions. The meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, March 23rd at 10:00 a.m. in Knox 4.**

Graduation

A graduation ceremony and reception will be held for our GMP VI students and their families at the **Center for Tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 9th.** We look forward to learning about the graduates' future plans and celebrating their accomplishments with them. Information will be emailed to GMP VI families. We are proud of our graduates!

Distinguished Accomplishments

Josh Anand (GMP III) and **Oz Abramowich** (GMP II) were a part of the Williamsville North High School team that won 2nd place at the UB Lockdown held in February. Lockdown is a defensive security competition run by the University at Buffalo Network Defense. It provides valuable skills in cybersecurity.

Addison Barth (GMP VI) was recently recognized as a WNY Scholar Athlete for golf.

Estelle Barth (GMP II) received the Head of School scholarship from Mount Mercy Academy for receiving the 2nd highest score on the high school admission exam.

Carter Berner (GMP II) received a Scholar Athlete award for JV track from Clarence Middle School.

Ryann Berner (GMP III) received a Scholar Athlete award for varsity wrestling from Clarence High School.

Kanaya Dave (GMP I) was selected by the New York State Band Directors Association to participate in the Middle School Honor Band.





Ozzy Enis (GMP V) was accepted into the West Point Summer Leadership Experience, a highly competitive leadership immersion program that is the first step in being accepted into the United States Military Academy.

Talula Enis (GMP IV) was chosen to be an SAT Bootcamp instructor for Khan Academy due to her performance on the PSAT as a 10th grader.

Ozzy and **Talula Ennis** completed training for the Jewish Federation of Buffalo's *Student-to-Student* program and will be delivering presentations on Judaism and the Jewish people to local high school students.

Joseph Gavacs (GMP I) was nominated by Niagara Wheatfield High School for the Hewitt Award for Boy Scholar Athlete of the Year.

Alex Godlove (GMP I) received 2nd place in a chess tournament hosted by Grand Island School District on February 10th.

Taylor Goodyear (GMP VI) was named the valedictorian of Lancaster High School's 2024 graduating class.

Nessa Grol-Norris (GMP IV) competed in a World Cubing Association competition in November 2023. Her personal record time for a **one-handed** solve (18.82 seconds) puts her among the top 100 female cubers in North America.

Salil Karkhanis (GMP III) has been selected to attend the 2024 Albany Youth Leadership forum.

Walter Lavin (GMP I) was selected for the Erie County Music Educators Association (ECMEA) All-County Junior High School Band and will play trombone in their concert in early March. He also qualified for the NY State YMCA Swimming Championships, to be held on Long Island in mid-March.

Jamison Lenz (GMP I) performed for the ECMEA and scored a 99/100 on her violin solo, which qualified her for the All-County Orchestra.

Jackson Liao-Cheng (GMP V) recently started competing in the USA Computing Olympiad contest and passed the Bronze level. He is looking forward to competing in the Silver contest in March.

Marta Macur (GMP I) won first place at the Middle School Drum Set competition at SUNY Fredonia.

Brady Mentkowski (GMP II) was selected to play French Horn for the ECMEA Junior High North All-County Band.





Nathan Peck (GMP VI) is a National Merit semifinalist and National Merit finalist.

Liam Peña (GMP II) earned his black belt from Master Khechen's Buffalo Martial Arts Academy after four years of training.

Johnathan Samol (GMP V) competed at the Lake Erie/Niagara Regional Science Olympiad competition with his team from St. Joe's Collegiate Institute where he received 1st Place in Dynamic Planet and 1st Place in Fossils.

Nick Scime (GMP IV) has been selected for the 2024 NFJV All Star Hockey Team.

Anisha Singh (GMP III) earned her red with black stripe belt in karate. She was selected for All-County Orchestra and All County Choral for first soprano from her school.

Darwin (GMP VI) **and Melanie Skalski** (GMP III), along with their fellow members on the Williamsville South Science Olympiad team, won first place in the Science Olympiad Regional competition. Their team will participate in the state level competition in March.

Michael Smith (GMP I) was selected to play percussion for the ECMEA Junior High North All County band festival.

Mykyta Velichkevych (GMP V) earned his brown belt in judo.

Michael Wang (GMP V) was selected as a captain of Williamsville East High School Science Olympiad teams. He and his teammate won the 3rd place in "Dynamic Planet" in the Lake Erie/Niagara Division C Regional Science Olympiad.

Ryan Wu (GMP I), **Jaydheep Rajaram** (GMP I), and **Carter Berner** (GMP II) won first place with their Clarence team at the WNY Middle School Science Bowl. After winning the state championships, they are heading to the National Science Bowl, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, in Washington, D.C.

We are happy to recognize the accomplishments of our students. Call the office or send us an email (gmpmath@buffalo.edu) and tell us about your activities so we can include them in a future issue of GMP's Now & Again News!

Calendar Mentions

- Spring break begins on April 1st. Students will return to class on April 10th.
- April 29th is the last day of GMP classes.
- Graduation for GMP VI students will be held on May 9th at 7:30 p.m.
- Regents review sessions for GMP II, III and IV will be held in May, exact dates TBA.

