Colorado High Schools Ranked in Mathematics

Several Front Range high schools fared well in Colorado competition of the 40th annual American High School Mathematics Examination, an optional testing program coordinated throughout the state by William Bosch, a mathematics and statistics professor at the University of Northern Colorado.

According to Bosch, more than 5,500 high school students recently took the examination. That represents participation of 77 schools out of the approximately 440 throughout the state.

While Bosch admits that the test must compete with other optional examinations considered by school administrators, he considers it worthwhile as a means to encourage and recognize outstanding mathematics students.

Bosch said an unlimited number of students were allowed to take the test at each school, then the top three individual scores were compiled for each school's "team" results.

Boulder High School fared well in the individual and team standings. Boulder High School senior Joshua Safran was the top scoring student in the state, while his classmate, senior Steve Soule, took third. Peter Rauch, a senior at Air Academy High School in Colorado Springs was second.

The top six schools in the state competition are as follows: Boulder High School, first; Air Academy High School, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, second; Cherry Creek High School, Englewood, third; Thompson Valley High School, Loveland, fourth; Overland High School, Aurora, fifth; Columbine High School, Littleton, sixth.

The examination, which has been offered throughout the United States and Canada since 1950, is sponsored by the Mathematical Association of America, Society of Actuaries, Mu Alpha Theta, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Casualty Actuarial Society, American Statistical Association, American Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges and the American Mathematical Society.

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