

Los Angeles City College Student Math Team Places First in National Competition

LOS ANGELES—Los Angeles City College (LACC) has once again won the top spot in the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC) national math competition. The test, administered to teams from 170 two-year higher education institutions, uses combined scores from exams administered in the fall and spring terms.

LACC's national, first-place winning team included the following students:

- Edward Jin, who earned a perfect score of 40 on his test in Round II. Jin was the only student in the nation to reach this mark in the Round II test and he was the top scorer for LACC in Round I. Jin's combined individual scores in Rounds I and II ranked him second in the nation in 2019. He was also second in the nation in 2018.
- Samuel Lee, who earned LACC's second place in Round I.
- Emma Wang, who scored in the Top 5 for LACC in Round I and Round II.
- Mark Lau, who scored second to Jin in Round II.
- Mykyta Dementyev, who also scored in the Top 5 for LACC in both Rounds I and II.
- Ti Wu, who scored in the LACC Top 5 in Round I.
- Tran Bao, who scored in the LACC Top 5 in Round II.
- Miriam Alaverdian, an LACC President's Scholar, who scored in the Top 5 in Round II.

"These students have demonstrated an exceptionally high level of skill and ability and we are very proud of the continued excellence our students and faculty demonstrate on the local, regional, and national level," LACC President Dr. Mary Gallagher said. "Special recognition and congratulations also goes to the late Professor Anatoliy Nikolaychuk, who coached our math teams for 19 years. Dr. Nikolaychuk led our teams to six First Place finishes in the AMATYC math competitions."

To help support the academic excellence of LACC's math teams, Robert Schwartz, LACC's Foundation Director said the students "receive scholarships and books grants from the Los Angeles City College Foundation to help fund the extra time and work they commit to preparing for these competitions."

Three other colleges in the Los Angeles Community College District also competed this year, including East Los Angeles College, 3rd place; Los Angeles Pierce College, 83rd place, and Los Angeles Valley College, 112th place. A complete list of all 170 colleges and scores are on the AMATYC web site: http://sml.matyc.org/report_team.php?region=O&round=T