

High School Finalists to Compete in the Belize Math Olympiad National Championships

(Belmopan, March 14, 2007) The Regional Finals of the Belize Math Olympiad, sponsored by the Social Security Board, were held on February 20, 22, 23 and 27, 2007 and March 8 and 9, 2007 at the UB Gymnasium in Belmopan. There was participation in this stage of the competition from 40 high schools countrywide. Each school was represented by a team of two participants of which one was a Junior participant (1st or 2nd Form) and the other a Senior (3rd or 4th Form). The competition is structured using questions based on the Math CSEC syllabus at the general proficiency level. The six regional winners that will compete in the National Championship are:

Julian Cho Technical High	Coral Pop and Catarino Pop
Orange Walk Technical High	Roberto Gongora and Dorita Sanchez
Bishop Martin High School	Miriam Paiz and Lingpo Huang
Belize Christian Academy	Namrita Balani and Ronald James Rempel
Pallotti High School	Juliet McNab and Shanique Roca
St. John's College	Eric Alamina and Christopher Waight

At the conclusion of each of the Regional Finals all participants and their alternates received certifications of participation and gift items from the Social Security Board. The first and second place teams received, in addition to these items, plaques and their respective school received a trophy.

In the National Competition, each first place team member will receive a fully loaded computer, \$1000 educational grant, a plaque, a certificate of participation and a medal. The first place school will receive an LCD projector and a first place trophy. The members of the second place team will each receive a plaque, a certificate of participation, a medal and \$1000 educational grant while their school receives a second place trophy and \$500. The members of the third place team will each receive a

plaque, a certificate of participation, a medal and \$750 educational grant while their school receives a third place trophy and \$400.

The Belize Math Olympiad National Championship will be held on Friday, March 23, 2007 in the UB Gymnasium in Belmopan from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The public is being invited through this medium to attend and support our competing schools as they vie for the title of the 2007 Belize Math Olympiad National Champs.

The Social Security Board would like to thank all the students, schools, and fans for their participation in the Regional Finals. We wish all teams who are slated to participate in the National Championship competition the best of luck.