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CHARLESTON, IL--More than 300 high school students will participate in a mathematics contest at Eastern Illinois University on Saturday, March 10.

Eastern is one of 17 regional sites for the event, which will draw 7,000 students from 250 schools throughout Illinois. The students will solve problems in a variety of team and individual events, according to Claire Krukenberg, Eastern faculty member and Chairman of the EIU Regional.

The competition is sponsored by the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Overall team and events winners will be eligible to compete in the state finals on May 12 at Illinois State University.

Awards ceremonies will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Old Ballroom of the University Union. The public is welcome to attend, Krukenberg said. Dr. Stanley Rives, Eastern's president, will make the presentations.

Division AA schools (enrollment of 750 and higher) scheduled to participate are Charleston, MacArthur (Decatur), and Stephen Decatur.

Division A schools will include:

Chrisman, Mt. Carmel, Neoga, Newton (defending regional champ), Oblong, Palestine, Riverton, Robinson, Teutopolis, and Warrensburg-Latham.