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CHARLESTON PLACES FIRST IN MATH CONTEST

CHARLESTON, IL--The team from Charleston High School placed first in the large schools division of the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics State High School Mathematics Contest Saturday at Eastern Illinois University.

Charleston beat second-place finisher Mount Zion High School and will advance to the state finals April 25 at Illinois State University.

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In the small schools division, Oblong High School was the top team and will attempt to defend its state championship.

The contest featured 19 participating high schools in two divisions, with teams consisting of approximately 25 students.

The teams competed in a maximum of 10 events including written tests in algebra, geometry and pre-calculus, and oral presentations in probability or "Markov Chains."

The regional contest at Eastern was one of 21 competitions involving 400 high school across the state. The top teams from each regional, plus the top finishers in each event, advance to the state finals.

First place individual winners from Charleston High School included Kurt Krukenberg, algebra I, and Julee McKechnie, geometry. Second place winners were Morgan Hawker, algebra I; Rob Jorstadt, geometry; and Kathryn McKechnie, oral competition on "Markov Chains."

In the individual team competition, Charleston placed first in algebra I, geometry, freshman/sophomore eight person, freshman/sophomore two person and calculating team competition.