

AU Math Competition is Triumph for Corning-Painted Post West Teacher

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Alfred, NY -- Back in 1968, Tim Frawley won first prize in the first William Varick Nevins III High School Math Competition at Alfred University. Thirty-one years later, in November 1999, Frawley won again -- but not as a high school student. Frawley now teaches math at Corning-Painted Post West High School. The team he coached won first prize in the team competition, which has been held annually since Frawley won for the first time. Three of the top five scorers in this year's contest for individuals are students at Corning-Painted Post West, including one eighth-grader who outscored hundreds of high school contestants, most of them seniors and juniors. The top five scorers were: First place (tie) -- John Abbott, a senior at Horseheads, and Ethan Fenn, a senior at Corning-Painted Post West, with 30 points each (out of a possible 30.) Third -- Brian Rogers, a senior at Livonia, 27 points. Fourth -- Joe Sempolinski, a junior at Corning-Painted Post West, 25 points. Fifth -- Daniel Wagner, an eighth-grader at Corning-Painted Post West, 23 points. A total of 286 students from 22 high schools competed in this year's event, nearly 100 more than last year. The top five scorers each year receive cash awards, along with a waiver of the application fee if they apply for admission to Alfred University. The first-prize winner also gets a \$1,000 scholarship toward tuition costs, if he or she chooses to attend AU.