

## Fourth time a charm for student vying for AU's Nevins math scholarship

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ALFRED Daniel Wagner, a junior at Corning-Painted Post West High School, has been competing in William Varick Nevins High School Mathematics Competition, hosted annually by Alfred University, for the last four years. The fourth time proved to be the charm for Wagner, who claimed first place in the 34th annual competition, held Nov. 8. Wagner answered 27 of 30 questions correctly to finish ahead of more than 200 other students from 19 regional high schools. He earns a \$1,000 annual scholarship, to be used if he enrolls at Alfred University after graduation from high school. Wagner first competed for the scholarship as an eighth grader in 1999. He would finish fifth that year and again as a freshman in 2000. Last fall, as a sophomore, he placed third. According to Addison Frey, chairman of the AU Math Department, 232 students from 19 high schools participated in this year's competition. Competitors took a written examination in the morning, with the winners announced at an early afternoon ceremony. The following students also placed in the competition: Peter Sempolinski, sophomore, Corning Painted Post West, second place; Michael Gillin, junior, Livonia High School, third place; and Seth Greenman, junior, Livonia, fourth place. Finishing in a tie for fifth place were Joe Cole, a sophomore from Livonia; Kevin Johnson, a senior from Livonia, Pat Wahl, a junior from Livonia; Andy Blanchard, a senior from Horseheads High School; Emily Button, a senior from Horseheads, and Will Arnold, a senior from Notre Dame High School, Elmira. Each winner was awarded a cash prize. Corning-Painted Post West won the team competition. The team was coached by Tim Frawley, a math teacher at Corning-Painted Post West. Ironically, Frawley was the winner of the first annual Nevins Mathematics Competition, held in 1968 while he was a student at Corning West High School.