

Middle School Honors Day Awards 2010

SUBJECT AWARDS:

English: **Matilda Segal**

Science: **Madeleine Mullen**

Math: **Alois Cerbu**

Geography: **Shannon Hodgson**

Latin: **Alois Cerbu**

French: **Anamaria Otalora-Garcia**

Spanish: **Claudia Evaristo**

Art: **Moiranyah Daniels-Melear**

Drama: **Nilu Vyas**

Band: **Max Ruston**

Strings: **Joy Kim and Alois Cerbu**

Girls Physical Education: **Celeste Minor**

Boys Physical Education: **Connor Guess**

The **In Honor of Excellence Award** is presented by the faculty to an 8th grade student whose classroom performance is consistently at the top and whose leadership and love of learning inspire others:

Darshan G. Parikh

The **Middle School Citizenship Award** is given to an 8th grade boy and girl whose contributions to our community are recognized through a positive attitude and a genuine support of others. This year's recipients exemplify the tradition of Excellence with Honor through their genuine care and concern for others in all areas of school life.

Will Cunningham and Nilu Vyas

NATIONAL LATIN EXAM :

Achieving the status of Cum Laude: **Rebecca Schofield, Matilda Segal, Natalie Busener, and Annabelle Martin**

Achieving the status of Magna Cum Laude: **Matt Swan**

Achieving the status of Maxima Cum Laude and receiving a silver medal: **Alois Cerbu**

Achieving the status of Summa Cum Laude and receiving a gold medal: **Max Ruston and Darshan Parikh**

NATIONAL FRENCH EXAM

One Athens Academy student is awarded a Certificate of Merit for her performance on the National French Exam. **AnaMaria Otalora-Garcia**

NATIONAL SPANISH EXAM

This year 8th grade students participated in the Regular category putting them in direct competition with other students who have had similar amounts of experience with Spanish. The following students performed at an exceptionally high level on this National exam:

Recognition for Excellence:

Ian Dawkins
Connor Guess
James Hylton
Zachary Kittrell
Rooshi Patel
Whitney Stewart
Holly Williams

Bronze Recognition:

Charles Lankau
Nilu Vyas

Silver Recognition:

Shannon Hodgson

Gold Recognition:

Claudia Evaristo

GEORGIA MATHEMATICS LEAGUE:

Each year all MS students participate in the math competition sponsored by the Georgia Mathematics League. The students with the highest scores represent the schools on three teams, entering competitions with schools throughout the state

Sixth Grade: This team placed 3rd in the region and 14th in the state of Georgia.

Representing Athens Academy on this team: **Sean Murphy, Joseph Mullen, Colin Murphy, Riya Shah, Kayla Cherry, and Ellie Crymes.**

Congratulations to **Sean Murphy** whose personal score placed 6th in the state and 1st in the region.

Seventh Grade: The team placed 2nd in the region and 8th in the state.

Team members include: **Haidee Chen, Evan Shirreffs, Jason Papadopoulos, Aaron Wilson, Helen Chen.**

Congratulations to **Haidee Chen** who placed 17th in the state and 3rd in the region.

Congratulations to **Evan Shirreffs** who had the 4th highest score in the region.

Eighth Grade: This team placed 3rd in the region and 9th in the state competition.

Members of this team are: **Max Ruston, Shannon Hodgson, Alois Cerbu, Zachary Kittrell, Darshan Parikh, Haley Ruhl, Davis Bell, Charles Lankau, and Nick Rorabaugh.**

Congratulations to **Max Ruston** whose individual score placed him at 21st in the state.

AMERICAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

7th and 8th grade students participated in this competition along with over 170,000 students from 2200 schools. Athens Academy was awarded a School Certificate of Merit for an outstanding team score.

Congratulations to the following students for their strong performances.

Scoring 1st in the school: **Max Ruston**

Scoring 2nd in the school: **Christopher Marbut**

Scoring 3rd in the school: **Zander Mason**

Scoring 4th in the school: **Alois Cerbu and William Leverett**

The John and Sara Godwin Awards for Penmanship. In 1999 Dr. and Mrs. John Godwin established an endowment which places special emphasis on cursive writing skills during the formative years. This Endowment provides instructional materials and awards for excellence in penmanship for Lower and Middle School students.

This award is presented to a boy and girl in the 6th grade who have exhibited excellence in penmanship. This year's winners:

Elizabeth Malcom and Wyatt Settles

Spelling Bee: Athens Academy participated in a state spelling bee along with other schools in the Georgia Independent Schools Association.

Max Ruston—runner-up in the Middle School Spelling Bee

Jason Papadopoulos—MS Spelling Bee Champion

Jason and Max represented Athens Academy at the GISA District Spelling Bee. Both boys qualified to participate at the state level, reaching the final round there.

DUKE TALENT SEARCH

This past fall fifty students at Athens Academy, 85% of the seventh grade, qualified for the Duke University Talent Identification Program. Qualification required scores at or above the 95 percentile on verbal or mathematical sections of national tests approved by Duke's program for academically gifted students. These students were given the opportunity to take the SAT or ACT. Based on their performances on one of these tests 19 students have received additional recognition.

State Recognition:

The following students received State Recognition for their outstanding performances on the SAT.

Saad Bashir, Aurora Bunten, Rhea Chatterjee, Haidee Chen, Helen Chen, Mary Glenn Dillard, Alette Duan, Nathan Fechheimer, Morgan Ferguson, Anna Kate Foshee, Maisha Imam, Nathan Iyer, William Leverett, Raleigh Lumpkin, Jason Papadopoulos, Seamus Rosenberg, Ann Sherer-Estevez, Duncan Sligh, and Fleming Smith.