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Charter school wins awards

Chesapeake finished first in a national math contest and second in a state one

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Chesapeake Science Point Public Charter School recently received two awards highlighting the school's academic achievements.

Chesapeake, one of two charter schools in Anne Arundel County, finished first this month in a national math competition - the American Math Challenge, a contest with 1,300 participating schools and 70,000 students.

The American Math Challenge/MATHCOUNTS Online Challenge is organized by Mathletics and MATHCOUNTS. Among the students who placed in the contest were: Tristan Carmean, who came in third; Sandra Sandeep, 15th; Jack Andraka, 22nd; Micah Nissly, 27th; Andrew Link, 60th; and Kenneth Griffin, 97th.

The River Dell Middle School in New Jersey placed second.

"Congratulations to Coach Ferhat Avsar, his students and the entire CSP community," said Principal Fatih Kandil in a statement.

Chesapeake has also placed second in the Mathalon, a statewide math competition organized by the Maryland Council of Teachers of Mathematics. About 250 of the state's top-performing students from private and public schools compete for the awards.

The school has been ranked No. 1 among 299 of Maryland's middle schools by The SchoolDigger, which bases its rankings on local and national education data.

The accomplishments are not new to Chesapeake students, who this year scored No. 2 in the state among middle-schoolers on the math portion of the Maryland State Assessments, with a passing rate of 98.

In reading, Chesapeake was fifth in the state, with 97 percent of students passing.

The school also recently announced donations from Lockheed Martin and Anne Arundel Community College of furnishings for the school's planned high school expansion.

Chesapeake estimated the donations of chairs, desks and equipment for computer labs at about \$100,000.

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