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**Chesapeake Science Point
is the
POINT OF SUCCESS!**

**CSP is the Home of One of the 5
Winners of the 2008 National
Science Fair Competition!**

CSP proudly announces that CSP student Luke Andraka is **one of the top 5 winners** in the **2008 National Science Fair Competition**.

Luke Andraka, currently an 8th grader at CSP, won the highest number of awards, including the first place awards in his category, in the 2007 Regional Science Fair for Anne Arundel and Queen Anne counties. Luke's project was later selected to be one of the 300 semi-finalists, and then one of the 30 finalists for the 2008 U.S. Middle School Science Competition, the biggest national science fair competition in the country. The finalists were selected from over 75,000 students who entered local science fairs nationwide in 2007-2008.

Yesterday, Luke Andraka won the 4th place in this nation-wide competition! Luke is the only student from the State of Maryland making into the top five and one of the two from the entire east coast. And Luke is the only student from a charter school making into the top five across the nation. This a tremendous success for CSP, for Anne Arundel County, for Maryland, and for charter schools in general. CSP is once again proud of you Luke. You have done a phenomenal job representing your family, your school, your county, and your state.

Luke said “Dealing with high academic and scientific challenges at CSP on a daily basis prepared me so well that I felt so comfortable dealing with the challenges I was exposed during the national finals. It was awesome, it was so exciting to know that a new asteroid that MIT recently discovered is named after me. Thanks to my family, thanks to CSP.” Luke’s proud mother Mrs. Jane Andraka’s earlier comments were “CSP took a boy who was unsure of himself and doubted his abilities, and gave him the opportunity to start believing in himself. I know for a fact that he would never ever have been successful in math and science without the amazing staff at CSP”.

Please visit the link below for more information:

<http://www.societyforscience.org/msp/08msp/winners-press-release.pdf>

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