



NC A&T State University Plays Host To A Mathematics and Science Competition For Over 700 Students: MSEN Day 2008

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The 2008 theme:

“NC-MSEN: Creating Pathways to STEM Careers.”

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MSEN Day 2008

On a recent Saturday morning, April 26th, over seven hundred (700) highly motivated 6th to 12th grade North Carolina students crowded into Harrison Auditorium, located on the beautiful campus of NC A&T State University. This event carries on a 20+ year tradition of exciting mathematics and science competitions. The students are from populations that are traditionally underserved in mathematics and science.

This year’s theme was **“NC-MSEN: Creating Pathways to STEM Careers.”**

The participants were from the Pre-College Program (PCP) of the North Carolina Mathematics and Science Education Network (NC-MSEN). Pre-College Program sites include East Carolina University (ECU), Elizabeth City State University (ECSU), Fayetteville State University (FSU), NC A&T State University (NC A&T SU), NC State University (NCSU), UNC Chapel Hill (UNCCH), UNC Charlotte (UNCC), Western Carolina University (WCU), and Winston-Salem State University (WSSU). Because this is a highly competitive activity among the PCP sites, students engage in intense preparation over a three-month period at their respective host university.

MSEN Day categories include Middle School Mathematics; High School Mathematics such as Algebra, Geometry, and Calculus; Middle School Science; High School Science such as Biology, Chemistry, and Physics; Quiz Bowl; Oratorical Contest; Write It, Do It; Bottle Rockets; Parachute Egg Drop; Engineering and Design; Picture This; Poster Art; Mystery Architecture, and Robotics. Students compete as members of a team, and are awarded points both individually and by team.

The winners of the Oratorical Contest kicked off the afternoon awards program by presenting their speeches to enthusiastic fans. The middle school winner was Justin Williams from ECU, and the high school winner was Brittaney Baker from ECSU. Hundreds of medals, including gold, silver, and bronze, were distributed to winning teams.

The overall 1st Place trophy went to NC State, with Fayetteville State coming in second, and UNC Charlotte finishing third. Please visit our Web site (link shown below) and click on Pre-College Program News for a complete list of winners.

The last event of the day is always the Passing of the Torch, this time to Winston-Salem State University, who will host this event in 2009.

The North Carolina Mathematics and Science Education Network (NC-MSEN) is a constituent program in the UNC Center for School Leadership Development. It has two primary components: teacher professional development and a pre-college program. The purpose of the Pre-College Program is to broaden the pool of high school graduates who are prepared to pursue college/university majors that lead to careers in mathematics, science, technology, engineering, and teaching.

Please visit <http://www.unc.edu/depts/msen> for more information.