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Lehigh Valley math team wins national championship

A Lehigh Valley math team recently won the national championship in the American Regions Mathematics League's annual competition, held simultaneously in four states.

Lehigh Valley Fire, coached by Lehigh University professor Don Davis, came in first place, and the Ice Team, also coached by Davis, came in third in Division B, and 32nd overall.

More than 130 teams competed, including the Lightning and Thunder teams also coached by Davis. Davis coached the 2005 national championship team and had teams that finished 11th in 2008, second in 2007 and third in 2006.

This year, Davis coached four local teams each with 15 members. More than 2,000 students and teachers participated in this year's national competition, considered to be the World Series of mathematics competitions.

The competition is for high school mathematics team and has been held since 1976. The contest is written for high school students and consists of several events, including a team round, a power question, an individual round, two relay rounds and a super relay.

Local teams members and their high schools are:

Fire Team: Ben Kraft of Liberty and Matt Rauen of Pennsbury.

Ice Team: Wai-Tim Chew of Emmaus, Nick Dyszel of Parkland, Michael Huang of Perkiomen, Shonak Patel of Liberty, Sarah Trebat-Leder of Moravian and Andrew Wu of Hatboro-Horsham.

Lightning: Daniel DeFillippis of North Penn, Katie Hsu of Emmaus, Avinash Lingwal, Caroline Su and Stephanie Su, all of Liberty, Grace Mao of Freedom and Alex Mavis of North Penn.

Thunder: Kevin Boreen of Moravian, Sujay Chitta of Southern Lehigh, Vince DiGillo and Joel Malissa, both of Pennsbury and Yiran Lin, Abhinav Rangarajan and Eashwar Rangarajan, all of Freedom.

Also participating as alternates: Sarah Peppe of Bethlehem Catholic and Michael Samuelson of Freedom.