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Dear Candy:

Included below is a press release regarding MathCounts. Also, a photo of the competition is attached. Please call/email Leah Nixon with any questions.

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MathCounts challenges students during Ferris competition

BIG RAPIDS – The Woodbridge Ferris MathCounts competition was held Feb. 13 in the Ferris State University Rankin Student Center. Participating middle schools included Big Rapids, Chippewa Hills, St. Mary’s Catholic, St. Peter’s Lutheran and Vestaburg. MathCounts is a nation-wide math competition held for sixth- through eighth-graders each year. Sponsored locally by the Big Rapids chapter of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers, MathCounts has been challenging students locally for 18 years.

The top 10 individuals from the early written rounds compete, head-to-head, in the exciting countdown round. Two competitors are seated facing a projection screen where a problem is presented. The competitors have 45 seconds to solve the problem. A point is awarded for the first correct answer. The winner of each round progresses to the next round until all 10 finalists have competed. Sample problems for this round would be “The sum of two numbers is 22. Their difference is 4. What is the greater of the two numbers?” or “What is the probability that a randomly selected positive integer less than 100 is a perfect square?”

All first, second and third place winners were awarded trophies. All participants in the competition were presented certificates and all students, coaches and volunteers received a custom T-shirt, other prizes and a light dinner.

The next Woodbridge Ferris MathCounts competition will take place in February 2007. The Woodbridge Ferris competition is funded by contributions from El Paso Energy/ANR Pipeline and Ferris’ College of Technology. Information is available at www.mathcounts.org or by contacting the regional coordinator, Chuck Drake, at (231) 591-2788.

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