

Youngsters win Cup full of scholarships

The One Community, One Voice and the Fayette County Public Schools annual Superintendent's Cup was held May 10 at Tates Creek High School for all first- through fifth-grade students who were members of the 2008 Academic Challenge Teams. The number of students participating nearly tripled since the 2007 competition, from 487 students to 1,325 students.

Seven colleges and universities partnered with One Community, One Voice and FCPS to provide a total of 36 college scholarships to the winners -- the University of Kentucky, Kentucky State University, Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University, Georgetown College, Murray State University and Bluegrass Community and Technical College.

Here are the results:

PRIMARY FINALS:

The first-place team members win scholarships to Morehead State University.

1st place: Ashland Elementary Team B – Hannah Lawson, Camille Rue, Taylor Care, Bryson Canada, Kameron Jones, Britton Doss.

2nd place: Clays Mill Team A – Caleb Matocha, Karina Henson, Aidan Sturgill, Michael Jones.

3rd place: Maxwell Team J – Ella Jensen, Kate Girard, Clare Girard, Sam Thurman, Griffin Farrar, Karishma Srinivasan.

INTERMEDIATE FINALS:

The first-place team members win scholarships to the University of Kentucky.

1st place: Garden Springs Team A – Adam Schenning, Brandon Cooke, Noah Rice, Abigail Woolums.

2nd place: Veterans Park Team A – Leonardo Faillace, Sierra Blair, Trey Sturvidant, Jonathan Marra, Sarah Hayden.

3rd place: Veterans Park Team D – Griffin Allen, Daniel Pineda, Alex Kowalewski, Sarah Jackson, Joelle Yu, Katherine O'Neill.

ON DEMAND ESSAY WRITING:

4th grade:

Winning scholarships to Kentucky State University – Joshua Strange, Lansdowne; Katie Hurt, Cassidy; Trevin Hogue, Tates Creek; Shelby Sparks, Julius Marks; Kayla Carter, Lansdowne; Yih-Chyuan Hsiao, Maxwell; Kathleen Yang, Meadowthorpe; Brooke Justus, Dixie; Taylor Bagley, SCAPA; Diego Andrade, Julius Marks.

5th grade:

Winning scholarships to Eastern Kentucky University – Rebecca Nicewarmer, Northern; Brianna Mayo, Meadowthorpe; Mariah Mowbray, Cassidy; Kaitlyn Estes, Glendover; Lucy Wan, Meadowthorpe; Jenna Lawson, Cassidy.

Winning scholarships to Bluegrass Community and Technical College – Joelle Yu, Veterans Park; David Brewer, Tates Creek.

ON DEMAND MATH AND SCIENCE:

5th grade:

Winning scholarships to Georgetown College – Alice Li, Meadowthorpe; Will Thurmond, James Lane Allen; David Meyers, Veterans Park; Cody Leslie, Dixie; Matthew Carlson, Millcreek; Chelsey Torres, Booker T. Washington.

DRAWINGS:

For the Murray State scholarship: Sophia Bell, Maxwell Elementary Team A.
For the Bluegrass Community and Technical College scholarship: Tanaja Franklin, Breckinridge Team B.

THE BACK STORY:

Academic Challenge teams are formed in schools or at neighborhood sites; any FCPS elementary student may participate on either a Primary team (grades 1, 2 and 3) or an Intermediate team (grades 4 and 5).

In competition, a moderator reads a question, and the children have 45 seconds to confer and write their team's answer on a white board. Each round includes 20 questions. The winning team advances to the next round, and the top teams meet in the finals.