(Nashville, Tennessee, March 18, 2017) -- Teams of 6th, 7th and 8th grade student Mathletes from public, private, and parochial middle schools, junior high schools, and homeschooled across Tennessee competed in the Tennessee state-level competition of the national MATHCOUNTS program on March 21, 2015, at the Tennessee Engineering Center in Nashville, Tennessee. The Tennessee MATHCOUNTS regional and state contests are organized and sponsored annually by the local chapters of the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers and by the Tennessee Engineering Foundation.

A total of 20 schools and 46 students from across Tennessee, winners of their local competitions in January and February, competed at the state-level competition.

Teachers and students prepared for this competition since the beginning of this school year. Students competed individually and as teams in written and fast-paced oral matches. Subjects included probability, statistics, linear algebra, and polynomials. Winners of the individual, team, and oral lightning “Countdown Round” competitions received awards, trophies, and prizes.

The winners of the Tennessee State MATHCOUNTS competition are:

Winning Individuals (Written Competition):

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**State Team Coach:** Montgomery Bell Academy

Winning Teams (Written Competition):

1. Montgomery Bell Academy, Nashville
   Andrew Bulgarino, Sam Meacham, Patrick Pergande, Colin Tang
   Coach: Maggie Qian

2. Schilling Farms Middle School, Memphis
   Daniel Cui, Emily Sun, Lawrence Wang, Alex Zhang
   Coach: Pamela Shirley

3. Ross N Robinson Middle School, Kingsport
   Chandi Bhat, Sahil Gaba, Ryan Herzog, Neekon Nejad
   Coach: Lisa Bratton
Winning Individuals (Countdown Round / Oral Competition):

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Countdown Round Winners L to R Photos – Sahil Gaba (Ross N Robinson, Kingsport, 1st Place);
Sam Meacham (Montgomery Bell Academy, Nashville, 2nd Place)
Tennessee will be represented at the National MATHCOUNTS competition by the top four winners of the state written competition, coached by the coach of the winning team of the state written competition, with an all-expenses-paid trip to the 2016 Raytheon MATHCOUNTS National Competition, which will be held in Orlando, FL on May 13-16, 2017 at the Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista, 1751 Hotel Plaza Boulevard, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830. For more details go to https://www.mathcounts.org/national-competition.

The **Tennessee team** representing Tennessee at the National MATHCOUNTS competition is:

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2017 Winning Teams

1st Place Team (L to R) Maggie Qian (Coach), Colin Tang, Andrew Bulgarino, Jake Greear, PE (MATHCOUNTS State Coordinator); Sam Meacham; & Patrick Pergande (Montgomery Bell Academy, Nashville)

2nd Place Team (L to R) Jake Greear; Lawrence Wang, Daniel Cui, Alex Zhang, Emily Sun, and Coach Pamela Shirley (Schilling Farms Middle School, Memphis)

Third Place Team (L to R): Jake Greear, PE; Neekon Nejad, Ryan Herzog, Chandni Bhat, Sahil Gaba, and Coach Lisa Bratton (Ross N Robinson Middle School, Kingsport)
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Pictured L to R – Vanessa Perez, Arnold AFB; Jake Greear, PE (TN MATHCOUNTS Coordinator & McGill Associates); Patrick Leap, PE (PDC Consultants); Not Pictured: Nitaya Chayangkura, PE (Alfred Benesch); Jim Thweatt, PE, Piedmont Natural Gas; Sue Thweatt; and Jennie Shipman (James + Associates).

Pictured L to R – Amy Spann, PE (EnSafe Inc), and Hal Balthrop, PE (Metro Water Services)
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