

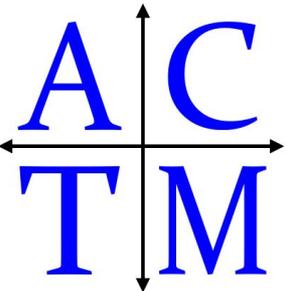
ACTM Regional Math Contest Award Assembly

March 14, 2026

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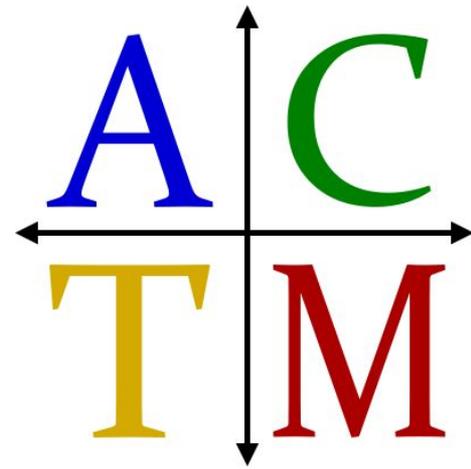


Arkansas Council of
Teachers of Mathematics

Welcome from ACTM!

UCA hosts one of ten regional math contests.

<https://ArkansasCTM.org/>



The mission of the Arkansas Council of Teachers of Mathematics is to provide vision and leadership in improving the teaching and learning of mathematics so that every student is ensured of an equitable standards-based mathematics education and every teacher of mathematics is ensured the opportunity to grow professionally.

State Math Competition

First, Second, Third, and Honorable Mention winners from today's regional contest will be invited to the Invitational State Competition. Other top-placing students may be invited.

Invitational State Competition will be held on **Saturday, April 25th, 2026** here at UCA.

Invitational letters will be sent to students in about 1 month (via email or snail mail).

UCA Mathematics Department



Thank you to the UCA Mathematics Department

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UCA Math Department

We have Bachelors Degree programs in

- Applied Mathematics
- Data Science
- Teacher Education
- Pure Mathematics

As well as Masters programs in

- Mathematics Education
- Applied Mathematics

For more information:
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High-Paying Careers for Math Majors

Every major company, from Nike to Netflix, is desperately hiring math majors to help them understand human behavior.

A math degree is a "power-up" for your resume. Because math majors are trained to solve complex, messy problems, they are some of the highest-paid professionals in the workforce.

Job Title	The Real World Version	Median Salary
Machine Learning Engineer	Building the "brains" for AI like ChatGPT and Tesla's self-driving cars.	\$155,000
Market Research Analyst	Using statistics to predict which sneakers or phones will be popular next year.	\$78,000
Financial Analyst	Helping big companies decide where to spend millions of dollars so they don't go broke.	\$103,000
Algorithm Developer	Writing the math that determines which Uber driver picks you up or how your Amazon package gets to you in 24 hours.	\$128,000
Statistician (Healthcare)	Analyzing data from smartwatches (like Apple Watch) to detect heart problems before they happen.	\$108,000
Cryptographer	Create and break the secret codes that keep your text messages, bank accounts, and video game passwords safe from hackers.	\$120,360
Sports Analyst	Use statistics to help professional teams (like those in the NBA or MLB) decide which players to draft and what plays to run.	\$85,000 - \$110,000

Central Region Contest (UCA)

About the awards...

This presentation includes the winners from those who participated through the University of Central Arkansas only.

We want to take group pictures of winners. Come to the front of the auditorium at end of presentation. Photos will be published online.

Note: We do not share individual student scores.

Algebra I

Average Score: 47.4%

Third: Tai Jiang, Academics Plus Charter School

Second: Aba Appiah Otoo, Conway High School

First: Yini Chen, Russellville Middle School

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Geometry

Average Score: 34.7%

Honorable Mention: Rachna Pen, Academics Plus Charter School

Third: Emma May, Academics Plus Charter School

Second: Davin May, Academics Plus Charter School

First: Jaslyn Hilton, Academics Plus Charter School



LONG LIVE
THE WILD ONES

CERTIFICATE of ACHIEVEMENT
Awarded to:
Rachna Pen
For:
FIRST PLACE
2024

Algebra II

Average Score: 74.3%

**Honorable Mention: Anay Pandit, Arkansas School For
Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts**

Third: Tristan Payne, Conway High School

Second: Lilly Qin, Little Rock Central High School

First: Jayden Jhang, Conway High School



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REEBOK UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
2020 Regional Mathematical Contest

Precalculus & Trigonometry

Average Score: 56.8%

Honorable Mention: Anish Paruchuri, Conway High School

Third: Nate Haselow, Episcopal Collegiate School

**Second: Jim Larsen, Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences,
and the Arts**

First: Charles Yao, Conway Junior High School



Calculus

Average Score: 71%

Honorable Mention: Hawkins Crocker, Episcopal Collegiate School

Third: Anant Borad, Academics Plus Charter School

Second: Braden Chin, Central Arkansas Christian School

First: Maggie Qin, Little Rock Central High School



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Statistics

Average Score: 88%

Second: Nirjhor Rahman, Little Rock Central High School

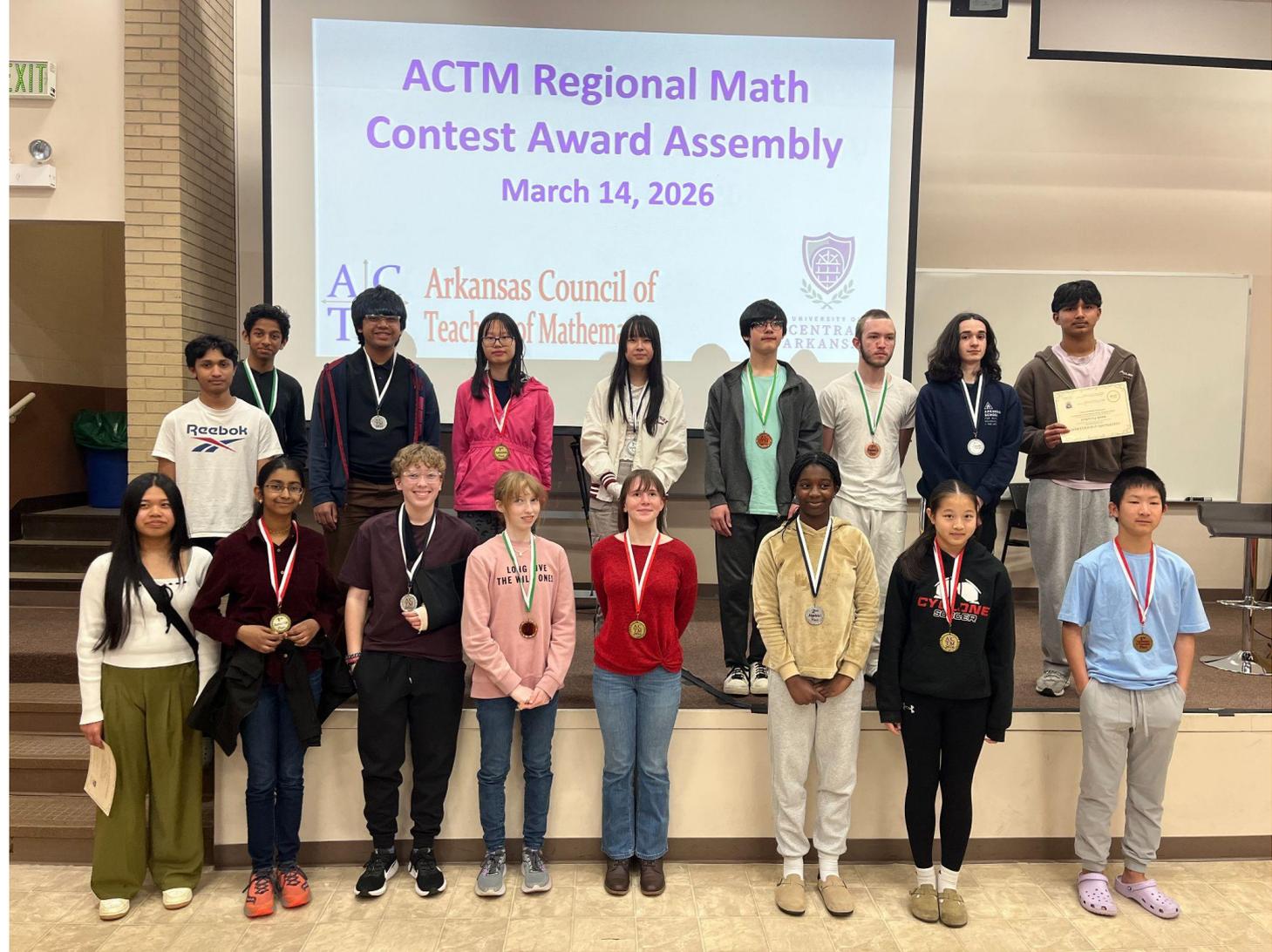
First: Amrita Choudhary, Little Rock Central High School



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Thank You!

Thank you to all the students and teachers!

Would the winners please come forward for group photos before you go. We will take pictures that will be published online.

[Direct link to this presentation:](#)

