

Middle School “Mathletes” Compete

How quick can you answer these questions

- What is 50% of 200% of 10?
- What is the probability that flipping a fair coin three times produces fewer than two heads?

Bet you weren't as fast as MathCOUNTS students, who answered these questions in just seconds (by the way, the answers are 10 and 1/2).

The State MathCOUNTS competition was held on March 18, 2008. Students from 12 different Delaware middle schools attended. The day-long competition consisted of individual and team rounds, with students answering a variety of math questions. The top scoring students then competed in a head-to-head round of solving problems to see who will come out as the overall State winners.

This year, the winning team was from Hanby Middle School, coached by Mr. James Fitzhugh.

The top individual scorers were:

- 1st place – Gina Wong – Hanby Middle School
- 2nd place – Bohan Wei – Shue-Medill Middle
- 3rd place – Quing Lu – Shue-Medill Middle
- 4th place – Danie l Wang – HB DuPont Middle

These 4 “mathletes” will be traveling to the National MathCOUNTS competition held May 8 -11, 2008 in Denver, Colorado.

Many thanks go out to Meghan Lester of Geo-Technology Associates, who coordinated the program, and to the 20 professional and U of D student volunteers who helped to make the events run smoothly. If you are interested in participating as a volunteer in next year's program, or if you know of a middle school that would like to get involved, please contact Stacy Ziegler at sziegler@duffnet.com or Meghan Lester at mlester@mragta.com.

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Upcoming Events



DES is planning several activities in the coming months. Following is a list of upcoming events... watch the website and future newsletters for more details!

- April 24, 2008 – Golf Tournament at Frog Hollow Golf Club (see more info. inside this newsletter)
- June 2008 – DES Annual Meeting at the Christiana Hilton. Recognition of new Professional Engineers and “Government Engineer of the Year,” and induction of new officers Watch for announcement soon !
- September 2008 – Professional Development Series Seminar

Golf Tournament at Frog Hollow Golf Course

Thursday, April 24, 2008

Got Spring Fever? Anxious to get out on the green ... or at least out of the office?? Then, the upcoming DES Golf Tournament is just the thing.

The tournament will be held on Thursday, April 24th at the Frog Hollow Golf Course in Middletown, Delaware. The tournament will be a shotgun start at 12:00 pm. Prizes will be awarded to the top teams, and for the longest drive and closest to the pin.

Golf rates are as follows:

- \$75 per golfer (includes cart)
- \$150 for a hole sponsorship (sign at tee box)
- \$400 for a Corporate Sponsorship (4 golfers and sign at tee)

Proceeds from the tournament support the Joe J. Welker Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded to high school seniors entering an undergraduate engineering curriculum.

To register, contact Pete Mandeville at (302) 239-6634 or by email at pmandeville@duffnet.com by Monday, April 21st.



NSPE 2008 Conference

The NSPE 2008 Annual Conference will be held in Portland, Oregon on July 24-27, 2008. The event includes a lineup of top-notch speakers and informative seminars, plus an array of special events to get you out and about this beautiful city.

Participants can earn up to 19 professional development hours at this year's conference education sessions. Education session topics cover PEs in the LEED world, global energy issues, emerging technologies, sustainable design, risk management, profitability, best practices, stress management, and other current professional topics. In addition, you will find countless opportunities to network with engineering leaders, make important business connections, and be brought up-to-date on issues impacting our profession and our Society.

For up-to-date information on DES activities and news

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www.DESONLINE.us



D. Russell Tatman, P.E.
2008 Engineer of the Year



Matthew Van Rensler, P.E.
2008 Young Engineer of the Year

Recognition of Accomplished Engineers

In February 2008, the Delaware Engineering Society had the pleasure of honoring Russell Tatman, P.E. of Tatman and Lee as the 2008 Engineer of the Year and Matthew Van Rensler, P.E. of Duffield Associates as the 2008 Young Engineer of the Year. In June 2008, we will be honoring the 2008 Government Engineer of the Year at our Annual Meeting.

These individuals were nominated by their peers for their contributions to the engineering community and the community at large.

Nomination forms and eligibility requirements for these awards are available on the DES website (www.desonline.us). If you know of someone who you feel has made a significant contribution to the engineering community in Delaware, please nominate them for consideration for one of these awards.

For more information, contact Ahmad Faqiri, P.E. at afaqiri@pennoni.com.

Interested in Becoming More Involved?

The Delaware Engineering Society is organized and run by its members. Volunteers are needed to continually refresh committees for programs such as Scholarships and MathCOUNTS, as well as to organize programs for our members. Board members and committee chairs have the opportunity to travel to and participate in National meetings, and to interact with engineers in many other organizations.

The result is a great networking opportunity and a chance to do something important to support the growth and development of the engineering profession.

Contact one of the officers for more information or to find out how to get involved!