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Local students among top performers in prestigious math competition

Four Alachua County Public School students are among only 11 students in Florida to be named Qualifiers in the United States of America Math Olympiad (USAMO) competition. Only 328 students nationwide earned that recognition this year.

All four had to earn top scores in two previous math competitions to qualify.

Two other ACPS students were Qualifiers in the United States Junior Math Olympiad, among just seven in Florida and 300 in the U.S.

The USAMO competition is a series of tests that ultimately determine who will be the selected for the U.S. Math Olympiad team, which competes against teams from across the globe. The Qualifiers took a grueling six-question, nine-hour test last week to determine which of them would be named 'Olympiads.' Being chosen an Olympiad is one of the highest honors a K-12 student can earn in math without actually being on the national team.

The four USAMO Qualifiers are Buchholz High School seniors Jake Frazer and Samuel Kim, BHS freshman Andrew Xing and Eastside High School senior Atharva Pathak.

This is the fifth time Frazer has been named a USAMO Qualifier, more than any other ACPS student. Only six seniors nationwide have been named Qualifiers in each of the past five years.

The two USJMO Qualifiers are Buchholz sophomores Will Guam and Daniel Wang.

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