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VMMS 7th grader places 8th place among 8th graders in the Greater San Diego Math Council

VISTA, Calif. – The 40th Middle School Math Field Day sponsored by the Greater San Diego Math Council and Francis Parker School. The contest included 33 various teams challenging themselves in mathematical categories. One particular category, the Math Wits includes 8th grade students who are answering more advanced mathematical problems.

In only our second year of existence as a school, Allan Garry, a 7th grade represented VMMS and was moved to the Math Wits, the top competitive event, at the last minute. This competition is among 8th graders and Allan found himself in a situation that without prepping for the event would mean that his chances of placing among these talented students would be nearly impossible. The questions were mostly Geometry/Trigonometry that Allan will be taking in 8th grade.

As his mother, Laurie Garry put it, "...After the finals, it was time for awards. The top 10 students from each event got awards. When they announced 10th place for Math Wits and it was not Allan, we thought he was out. When they announced 9th place and it was not Allan, everyone stopped listening. THEN they announced 8th place... from Vista Magnet Middle – Allan Garry! The news was received with a second of stunned silence followed by wild cheering! With that, Allan became the first student from his school to ever place in a math competition! We hope that this ushers in a new era for the math team and we cannot wait for next year's competitions!"

For more information or to visit the school site, vistamagnet.com, please call José Manuel Villarreal, principal of Vista Magnet Middle School, at (760) 726-5766.

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