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Cleveland Trio Leads Ohio to Math Nationals

Cleveland- Two Greater Cleveland students and their math coach will lead Ohio's MathCounts team to the national finals May 6-7 in Washington, D.C. **Clive C**, a seventh grader at Birchwood School in Cleveland, and **Kartol D**, eighth grader at Lee Burneson Middle School in Westlake, earned first and third place respectively at the state Mathcounts competition on March 12. In addition, **Charles Debelak's** math team from Birchwood won first place, and he was named coach for the four-person math team that will represent Ohio.

Currently in their 28th year, Mathcounts is one of the country's largest and most successful education partnerships involving volunteers, educators, industry sponsors and students. President Barack Obama and former Presidents George W. Bush, William J. Clinton, George H.W. Bush and Ronald W. Reagan have all recognized Mathcounts in White House ceremonies.

"To place in the top four in Ohio is a great achievement!" Debelak said enthusiastically, "but these four students aspire to perform well on the national: they understand how much work that will require."

The trio will travel to the Mathcounts National Competition in Washington, D.C., on Friday, May 6, where they will lead Ohio's team and compete for the national title against other talented middle school mathematicians representing the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands and schools from the Department of Defense and the State Department.

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The Birchwood School is a private, coeducational school in Cleveland, Ohio. Founded in 1984, Birchwood serves students in kindergarten through grade 8. Birchwood's mission is to provide an educational setting where challenging academics build solid work habits, an achievement culture nurtures healthy attitudes, and a caring environment forges social responsibility.

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