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Heathwood Hall wins state math meet for 2nd straight year

Highlanders win 1st place in individual and team categories

(Columbia, S.C.) – January 27, 2009 – For the second year in a row, Heathwood Hall Episcopal School’s math team has won first place in two categories of the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) Math Meet. Competing in Division I against 40 other teams, the Highlanders brought home first place wins in the individual and team categories.

In 2008, Heathwood Hall won the individual competition and tied for first place at the same meet.

Heathwood Hall senior Jeghang Wee again won the individual competition. Other first-place team members included Sara Hunter, Skyler Hutto, Pierce Jones and Caroline Plowden. Jones placed sixth in the individual competition.

A second team from Heathwood Hall placed sixth overall. Second team members included Avnika Amin, Lauren Armstrong, Freddie Powers, Ben White and Rachel Wolf. Heathwood Hall Upper School math teachers Gwen Bunch and Rip Blackstone served as team sponsors.

“At a time when our country is calling for academic emphasis in mathematics and science, we are particularly proud of our students and teachers who made these back-to-back wins the crowning achievements that they are,” said Anne Weston, Heathwood Hall’s provost and associate head of school. “We also appreciate SCISA’s organization of the competition and its ongoing emphasis on academic excellence.”

The High School Math Meet is open to students in grades nine through 12. Each school may enter no more than two teams of five students. During the competition, all students take a one-hour multiple choice written math test consisting of 50 questions. Following the test, each team member singularly participates in a speed round of five questions. Competition divisions are determined by school enrollment, and Division I is comprised of those institutions with 99 or more high school students.

SCISA Executive Director Larry Watt on Monday morning traveled to Columbia to congratulate the students and present their trophies.

Heathwood Hall Episcopal School offers a college preparatory curriculum and individual attention to students from nursery school through grade 12. For more information, visit www.heathwood.org.

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