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# Pawprints

E-newsletter for the Franklin Regional School District

## FRSH Team Takes 3rd in International Medicine Olympiad



The Franklin Regional Senior High School (FRSH) team of Bhav Jain, Daeil Bae, Nitya Anantharaman and Vineet Madduru participated in the first ever International Medicine Olympiad (IMO), conducted by and at the University of San Diego (UCSD), California, from Aug 1 - Aug 3, 2016. This was an international competition with the FRSH team competing against over 30 teams from the US, China, South Korea, Singapore, Turkey, Turkmenistan, and Canada.

The rigorous competition consisted of three written tests and a Medicine Quiz Bowl on Cell Biology, Human Physiology and Human Diseases, conducted over two days. The individual written tests on the three subjects

contributed to 80% of the total score for each participant. The Medicine Bowl, essentially a team competition, contributed to the remaining 20% of each participant's overall score. The medicine bowl was conducted in knock-out style with only the winning team moving on to the next round. The FRSH team, led by Jain (Team Captain), went all the way to the semi-finals, but lost to the eventual Champions (Walnut High School).

The FRSH team placed third and was awarded a Third Place Cup & certificate. Jain won a Silver Medal for his individual score, Anantharaman and Madduru won a Bronze Medal each, and Bae received a Certificate of Merit.

The FRSH team was initiated by Mr. Ron Suvak, FRSH Principal, and Mr. Pankaj Jain, Team Coach, in early June when school was coming to an end. Given the limited time available, it was a tough challenge to quickly form a competitive team. The four students spent the entire summer preparing for this event. In the process, the Franklin Regional students also beat the top two teams, famous at the National Science Olympiad (Mira Loma High School from Mira Loma, CA and Troy High School from Fullerton, CA).

## FRMS Duo Places 4th in Regional Fair



Two Franklin Regional Middle School (FRMS) students took 4<sup>th</sup> Place in the Convestro Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair at Heinz Field. Shrey

Ramesh, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, and Vishal Thulasiram, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader, earned their award in the Earth/Space/Environment - Intermediate category for their project entitled, "Living Roofs? How Cool Are They?"

Other FR students who participated in this year's competition included 8<sup>th</sup> graders, Madi Bortz, Alaina Jenkins, and Evan Zhou; and 10<sup>th</sup> grader, Jenna Nardo.

The Convestro PRSEF provides a venue for students to demonstrate and communicate their science research or engineering projects to an audience of their peers and professionals from related fields.

## Open House Dates for All Schools

September 6	FRMS	6th Grade	6:30 pm	September 14	HR	Grades 1-2	6:30 pm
September 7	FRMS	7th Grade	6:30 pm		SL	Grades 3-4	6:30 pm
September 8	FRMS	8th Grade	6:30 pm	September 15	HR	Grades 3-5	6:30 pm
September 13	NBG	Grades 1-5	6:30 pm		SL	Grade 5	6:30 pm
	SL	Grades 1-2	6:30 pm	September 22	FRSH	Grades 9-12	6 pm