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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Kimberly Students + Mathematical Problem Solving Contest = Success

Kimberly, Wis. – May 15, 2018 – Students from [Kimberly High School](#) (KHS) and [J.R. Gerritts Middle School](#) (JRG) brought home the Top Overall School Awards for their grade levels at the [University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Mathematical Problem Solving Contest](#). While only in its second year, the contest has grown from about 800 participants last year to over 1,000 students competing this spring. The competitors came from around the state and represented 54 schools from 26 different school districts.

Both participating [Kimberly schools](#), JRG and KHS, had great success at the individual, team and school levels. All participants have much to be proud of for pursuing their potential in math and problem solving skills.

Kimberly High School earned the Top Performing High School First Place award among the 18 high schools that had students in grades 9 and 10 compete.

Sophomore Joseph Roche received the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Overall Award for earning the highest individual score of any participant in the entire contest. This recognition came with the offer of a \$2,000 scholarship should he attend the UW Oshkosh. “I think the most important thing about math competitions is that they show that math is more than just a class taught in school,” said Joseph. “It can also be a fun, competitive activity.”



Joseph Roche, tenth grader at KHS, received the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Overall Award and the Individual Gold Medal for his grade.

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Joseph also received an Individual Gold Medal in the 10th Grade Individual High School Contest for having the highest score in his grade. “I have been participating in math competitions since I was a fifth grader at Woodland, and I really enjoy them,” said Joseph. “I hope to attend more of them in the future to help represent the Kimberly Area School District.”



The Kimberly High School team of (pictured left to right) Daniel Guilette, Nicholas Logan, Sarah Blohowiak and Jacob Farrell received a Bronze Medal in the High School Team Contest.

Additionally, the KHS freshmen team of Sarah Blohowiak, Jacob Farrell, Daniel Guilette and Nicholas Logan received a Bronze Medal in the High School Team Contest.



Allison Weiher, seventh grader at JRG, earned the Individual Gold Medal for the highest score among participants in her grade.

From JRG Middle School, seventh grader Allison Weiher earned an Individual Gold Medal for earning the highest score in her grade level. “The contest was an amazing opportunity for all of us there and provided a great challenge with many of the problems, and was overall a very fun experience,” said Allison. “I feel honored both for the recognition and to be a part of such an amazing, successful district, and am looking forward to hopefully getting to compete again next year.”

JRG earned the Top Performing Middle School First Place award among the 40 middle schools at the competition. The middle school team of Mason Freund, Brayden Mau, Vienna Melzl and Sophia Schumerth brought home a Gold Medal.

The following KHS and JRG students also individually scored in the top 10% for their grade. Tenth graders: Daniel Mancheski, Jacob Mau and Joseph Roche. Eighth graders: Sofie Langenhuizen and Sophia Schumerth. Seventh graders: Amber Duval, Nolan Marx, Nina Tremble, Kale Twombly, Brody Van Eperen and Allison Weiher.

Through the competition, all of the students had opportunities to apply different problem solving techniques to math problems that they may have never encountered before. In addition to the mathematical contest, students had opportunities to try different hands-on and non-traditional STEM activities.

The UW Oshkosh Mathematical Problem Solving Contest is designed for motivated students in grades 7-10 who show an affinity for mathematics and mathematical sciences. The goal of this competition is to establish an event that helps spark and foster an interest in young people to pursue further study and careers in mathematics and other STEM fields. This event is a great opportunity to help students reach their potential in academics and learn about career options as they plan for their future.

### **About the Kimberly Area School District**

The Kimberly Area School District is a progressive public school district committed to providing the best possible education available to students. Its responsibility is to help lead the way in developing well-rounded students and future citizens. The District wants every student to be given the opportunity to reach their potential through academics, the arts and co-curricular activities. It encompasses approximately 17 square miles and serves over 5,100 students in one 4K center, four elementary schools (5K-4), two intermediate schools (5-6), one middle school (7-8) and one high school (9-12). To learn more about the Kimberly Area School District, call (920)788-7900 or visit [www.kimberly.k12.wi.us](http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us).