

Vermont Treasury Cup Challenge

AN ACADEMIC CHALLENGE FROM THE VERMONT STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE

Twelve high schools accepted the 2013 challenge held May 3 in Montpelier. In a competitively matched field, eight teams made it into the semi-finals. Missisquoi Valley Union High School and Bellows Free Academy emerged to face each other in the championship round. In the end, it was the MVUHS Thunderbirds that won the day. Congratulations also to Fair Haven Union High School for finishing third.



Missisquoi Valley Union High School was awarded the Vermont Treasury Cup as the winner of the 2013 challenge. State Treasurer Beth Pearce awarded the gold challenge cup to the team. Pictured here with the State Treasurer are: (top l to r) business teacher Jacob Hartman and students Elijah Eaton and Eamon Murphy; (lower l to r) Cole St. Francis, Kraig McFadden, and Taylor Marquis.



TD Bank Vermont President Phil Daniels helped get the tournament underway. Our thanks to TD Bank for underwriting the tournament. Thanks also to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for donating \$250 college savings accounts to student members of the championship team. And we appreciate the work of the Vermont JumpStart Coalition and the many volunteers who helped staff the event.

Photos by Scott Baker



Many thanks to our team of volunteers. Above, J.P. Isabelle runs a match in competition room two. Also helping in that room were Joanne Hardy, Lynette Kemp, Tony Orzech and George Dow.



The Bellows Free Academy finished in second place. Pictured with State Treasurer Pearce are (l to r) Austen Carpenter, Aman Saini, Ben Tague and Courtney Meunier. The team was coached by math teacher John Tague.

Competition room two had a great team of volunteers. Thanks to John Pelletier, Deborah Unicach, Mandy Speaker, Deb Behm and Gail Cromie! (at right)



At left, U32 High School students Kaelyn Harris-Vincent, Connor Garrard, Colvin Rice, and Shane O'Neill consider a question. The team was coached by business teacher George Cook.

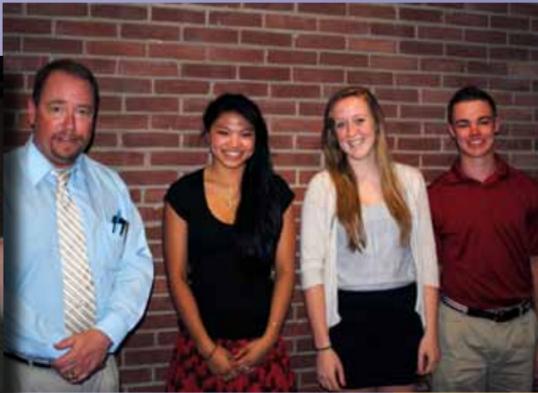


At left, St. Johnsbury Academy participated for the first time in the challenge. Representing the school were (l to r) Rong Chen, Alexis Morissette, business teacher Sarah Emery, Valentin Denin and Samantha Mason.

Tournament Director Lisa Helme



Above, Fair Haven Union High School finished third and brought their own cheering section to encourage their team. Pictured here are (l to r) Taylor Ellis, Jenna Ray, Rachael Butrimas, Bethany Lanfear, Jade Watkins, Shannon Halnon, Cody Juckett, Dylan Carter, business teacher Kim Ransom and Bethany Chambers.



Above, representing Harwood Union High School is (l to r) Social Studies teacher Greg Shepler and students Cecilia Baker, Michaela O'Brien, and Joe Magee.



Above, South Burlington High School competed for the fourth straight year. Representing SBHS is (l to r) math and science teacher Eric Stone and students Noah Bugbee, Charlotte Mills, Phillip Holt, and Michael Guo. At right, Montpelier High School is represented by (l to r) Emily Campbell, Thomas Nowlan, Allison Lau, math teacher Susan Beem, Bryn Matthews, Nina Merriam, and Grace Baker-Whitcomb.



2013 marked the first time both Lyndon Institute and Burlington High School fielded teams for the Vermont tournament. Representing Lyndon Institute above (l to r) is Danielle Bonnett, Ricky Russell, Nick Durocher, and Jordan Corrow. Also, not pictured are alternates Jake Solomon and Nichol Mitchell. The team was coached by business teacher T.J. Tanner. Representing BHS at left is (l to r) business and technology teacher David Lamberti, Erika Torres, Thomas Kaplan, Ian Porter, Noah Lipman and Alex Schirling.



At left, North Country Career Center was represented by (l to r) business teacher Nancy McDermott, Anthony Eldridge, Nicholas Fuller, Trevor Morse and Michelle Fenimore. Below, the team from Mount Mansfield High School were represented by (l to r) teacher David Alofsin and students Ryan Johnson, Jeff Estes, David Brandt, and Jack Colelli.



Below, Bellows Free Academy coach John Tague and team relax before the competition begins.

