



# Vermont Treasury Cup Challenge



**AN ACADEMIC CHALLENGE FROM THE VERMONT STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE**

Ten Vermont high schools recently squared off in the sixth annual Vermont Treasury Cup Challenge. At stake were thousands of dollars in college savings funds and bragging rights as the 2014 Challenge champ. Following a day-long tournament, it was the South Burlington High School Rebels who were awarded the large gold Challenge cup by State Treasurer Beth Pearce. Each student also received a \$500 college savings account donated by the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation. Four-person student teams competed against each other in Montpelier on May 2 in a quiz-show style contest that tested individual and team knowledge. A \$250 college savings account was awarded to each member of the second place team, Burlington High School. Third place was won by U32 High School.

South Burlington High School was awarded the Vermont Treasury Cup as the winner of the 2014 challenge. State Treasurer Beth Pearce awarded the gold challenge cup to the team. Pictured here with the State Treasurer are: (top l to r) Sara Ruch, Charlotte Mills, Coach Eric Stone, Ben Jewkes and Phil Holt.



Burlington High School finished in second place. Pictured at left with State Treasurer Pearce are (l to r) Rosa Wallace, Oscar Kydel, Esse Luna-Maple, Coach Bob Hill, Nick Depalma and Alex Mazuzan.



The tournament was held in two competition rooms. Our thanks to these teams of volunteers who made the contest possible!

- Nelson Baker
- Scott Baker
- Deb Behm
- Bethany Dever
- Joanne Hardy
- Karen Mills
- Gregg Mousley
- Wanda Ozkuski
- John Pelletier
- Grant Peterson
- Wendy Rea
- Deborah Unica



(Above) U32 High School placed third in the competition. Team members were (l to r) Robert Smith, Sylvia Gilbert, Kelsey Brown, Thomas David-Bashore and Coach George Cook.



(At left) TD Bank Vermont President Phil Daniels encourages the students at the start of the tournament. Our thanks to TD Bank for underwriting the tournament. Thanks also to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for donating the college savings accounts, the Vermont JumpStart Coalition for their gift and volunteers, and Community National Bank for donating an iPad mini as a student raffle prize.



(Above) U32 student Thomas David-Bashore is congratulated by State Treasurer Beth Pearce on winning 3rd place. (Below) Tournament director Lisa Helme is joined by Mt. Mansfield Union High School student David Brandt as his name is drawn for the iPad mini in the student raffle.



(Above) St. Johnsbury student Valentin Denin jokes with the judges. (At right) Students and coaches enjoy lunch at the State House.



**"It was fun. I thought we did a great job as a group. I enjoyed the economic questions about the government the most."**  
-BFA student Kevin Farmer



(Above) Representing Bellows Free Academy was John McGuinness, Victoria Howard, Nate Jiwatram, Dan Thibault, Peyton Kerkes and Coach Joe Emery.



(At left) Representing Essex High School was Coach Charlie Burnett, Cole Blondin, Matt Wu, Rembrandt Otto-Meyer, D.J. Couture and Coach Justin Norris.



(At left) Fair Haven Union High School students Cody Brooks and Nick Boule prepare to compete.



(Above) Representing Montpelier High School Coach Whitney Machnik, John Moccia, Aly Furber, Josh Wilcox, Tom Nowlan, Lindsey Grutchfield, Ben Field and Coach Sue Beem.



(Above) Representing St. Johnsbury Academy are Coach Sara Emery, Elizabeth Stevens, Valentin Denin, Samantha Mason, Coach Abigail Murphy, Yi Zhu and Tinky Ding.



(Above) Representing Missisquoi Valley Union High School are Eamon Murphy, Taylor Marquis, Cole St. Francis, Elijah Eaton, Kraig McFadden, Brian Zhang and Coach Jacob Hartman.



(Above) Representing Mt. Mansfield Union High School are Jack Colelli, Hayden Russell, (kneeling) Loughlin Neuert, David Brandt, Jeffrey Estes, Ryan Johnston and Coach David Alofsin.



(Above) Representing Fair Haven Union High School are Coach Linda Potvin, Nathan Bowen, Vinny Orsi, Cody Brooks, Savanna Book, Nick Boule, Alex Fontaine, Nick Brooks, Jon Boule, Kyle Rogers and Coach Kim Ransom.

**"The competition was great. I think financial literacy is extremely important and the cup is a great way to highlight that for students. Also, it's really fun being able to compete for cash and prizes!"**

-MMU student Loughlin Neuert