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National Contest of Who Wants to Be a Mathematician

Evan O'Dorney, a home-schooled junior from Danville, California, who won the National Spelling Bee in 2007, was



Evan O'Dorney wins Who Wants to Be a Mathematician contest.

the big winner in the national contest of Who Wants to Be a Mathematician at the Joint Mathematics Meetings. Evan won US\$5,000 for himself and US\$5,000 for the Berkeley Math Circle, in which he is an active participant. He has also participated in the International Mathematical Olympiad the past two years—winning silver medals each time—and hopes to attend Harvard University and eventually become a math professor. Evan was one of ten contestants nationwide

who participated in the contest, which consisted of two semifinals of five contestants each. Ben Zauzmer, a junior at Upper Dublin High School in Pennsylvania, won the other semifinal and went head-to-head with Evan in the finals. Although Ben lost to Evan in the finals, he was very gracious in defeat, telling a local reporter, “Evan did a great job and he really deserves it. He is an impressive mathematician, and it was a lot of fun up there.” Read about the contest at <http://www.ams.org/wwtbam/national/jmm2010.html>.

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Deaths of AMS Members

M. V. BODNARESCU, from Essen, Germany, died on October 25, 2009. Born on November 30, 1921, he was a member of the Society for 23 years.

STEVE FISK, professor from Bowdoin College, died on January 31, 2010. Born on May 18, 1946, he was a member of the Society for 33 years.

MARY-ELIZABETH HAMSTROM, professor emerita, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, died on December 2, 2009. Born on May 24, 1927, she was a member of the Society for 61 years.

JAMES F. HANNAN, professor, Michigan State University, died on January 26, 2010. Born on September 14, 1922, he was a member of the Society for 61 years.

WALTER J. HARRINGTON, professor emeritus, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, died on June 2, 2008. Born on November 9, 1916, he was a member of the Society for 70 years.

RODNEY W. LOGAN, professor from Frankston, Australia, died on November 5, 2009. Born on May 11, 1934, he was a member of the Society for 42 years.

FERRIS E. MCCORMICK, from Manassas, VA, died on August 5, 2009. Born on August 16, 1946, he was a member of the Society for 37 years.

MICHAEL E. MOODY, vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty at Olin College, died on January 21, 2010. Born on May 23, 1952, he was a member of the Society for 12 years.

MASAHIRO NAKAMURA, from Ashiya, Japan, died on November 9, 2007. Born on January 11, 1919, he was a member of the Society for 36 years.

FREDERICK H. STEEN, retired, Allegheny College, died on January 13, 2010. Born on November 26, 1907, he was a member of the Society for 74 years.

LAYTON O. THOMPSON, retired, Marshall University, died on December 11, 2002. Born on December 21, 1915, he was a member of the Society for 54 years.

MYRON E. WHITE, professor emeritus, Stevens Institute of Technology, died on August 19, 2008. Born on May 1, 1920, he was a member of the Society for 66 years.

DALE WOODS, retired, from Truman State University, MO, died on October 24, 2008. Born on November 1, 1922, he was a member of the Society for 41 years.

JOSEPH W. WOYTHALER, from Peru, NY, died on April 1, 2004. Born on August 29, 1921, he was a member of the Society for 40 years.

EDUARDO H. ZARANTONELLO, professor from Mendoza, Argentina, died on January 13, 2010. Born on June 14, 1918, he was a member of the Society for 67 years.