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## **USA Math Olympiad 2007 Winners Announced; Children of ASA Members Place in Top 12**

**ALEXANDRIA, VA, MAY 18, 2007** – The 36th USA Mathematical Olympiad (USAMO) recently announced the winners of its 2007 competition for high school students. More than 500 outstanding students qualified for the 2007 Olympiad and, in April, they tackled a challenging, six-question exam, distributed via the Internet to their schools. On May 7, 12 winners were announced, including children of two American Statistical Association members.

Winners Adam Hesterberg, 12th grader at Garfield High School, Seattle, Washington, and Haitao Mao, 11th grader at Thomas Jefferson High School of Science and Math, Alexandria, Virginia, are children of ASA members. ASA Member Timothy Hesterberg and his wife Beverly Classen Hesterberg of Seattle are Adam's parents; Haitao Mao's parents are Feng Mao and ASA Member Rong Wei of Vienna, Virginia.

The remaining 10 winners are:

- Sergei Bernstein, 10th grade, Belmont High School, Belmont, Mass.
- Sherry Gong, 12th Grade, Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, N.H.
- Eric Larson, 10th Grade, South Eugene High School, Eugene, Ore.
- Brian Lawrence, 12th Grade, Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, Md.
- Tedrick Leung, 12th Grade, North Hollywood High School, North Hollywood, Calif.
- Delong Meng, 10th Grade, Baton Rouge Magnet High School, Baton Rouge, La.
- Jacob Steinhardt, 11th Grade, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, Alexandria, Va.
- Arnav Tripathy, 12th Grade, East Chapel Hill High School, Chapel Hill, N.C.
- Krishanu Sankar, 11th Grade, Horace Mann School, Riverdale, N.Y.
- Alex Zhai, 11th Grade, University Laboratory High School, Urbana, Ill.

Six of the 12 winners will qualify for the International Mathematical Olympiad to be held in Hanoi, Vietnam, July 19-30. On May 22 and 23, all 12 will take the team selection test (TST) to qualify for the US team. Those selected for the US team will have the highest combined scores of the USAMO and the TST. The US team will spend three weeks in June at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to train for the international competition, in which the US has competed since 1974.

ASA, which is a co-sponsor of the USAMO, was one of the hosts of annual Olympiad Award Ceremonies, May 20-21, in Washington DC. These events culminated in a formal dinner in the Diplomatic Receptions Rooms at the Department of State.

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