



American Association of Physics Teachers **PHYSICSBOWL 2008**

2008 PhysicsBowl Results

Dear Physics Teacher,

Thank you for having your students participate in this year's AAPT PHYSICSBOWL contest.

This year there were almost 4000 students participating from approximately 175 schools across the United States and Canada as well as schools in Japan and Taiwan. Enclosed are lists of the first and second place schools in each division and the first and second place students in each division by region. Several placings were determined by tie-breakers. For students, the answers were compared from the end of the test forward until the tie was resolved. For schools, the tie was broken by comparing the highest scoring students for each team. Unfortunately, we received several answer sheets which could not be identified with any school or division which both disqualified the student's result and was therefore not included with the team score. This is very unfortunate as some winning scores had to be disqualified.

This year, the following prizes are awarded:

- First and Second place schools in each region and division receive
 - a \$25 AAPT Store gift certificate
 - a \$100 gift certificate from Frey Scientific
- First and Second Place students (and teacher) in each region and division receive
 - a Texas Instruments TI-30 XS MultiView Calculator

A copy of this year's test along with solutions, as well as individual and team winners can be found at the following web site:

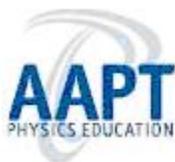
<http://www.delta.edu/phy/PhysicsBowl>

We look forward to having you participate in next year's contest... and please let your colleagues at schools near you know about the contest! We are considering how to expand the contest to include more schools and students next year as well as increasing the average score for each division.

Thank you for participating,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael C. Faleski'.

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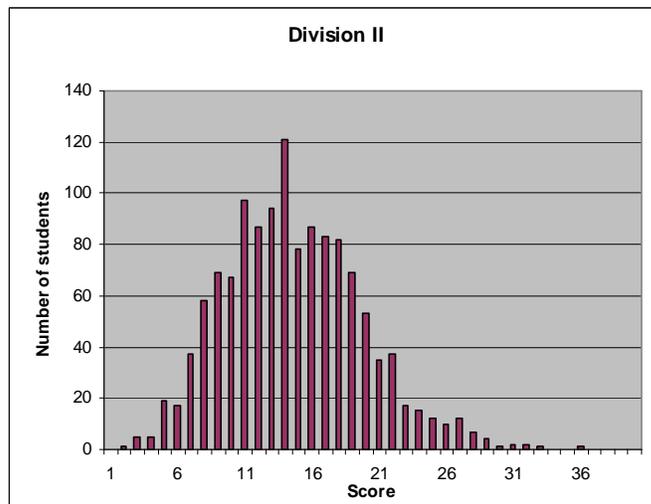
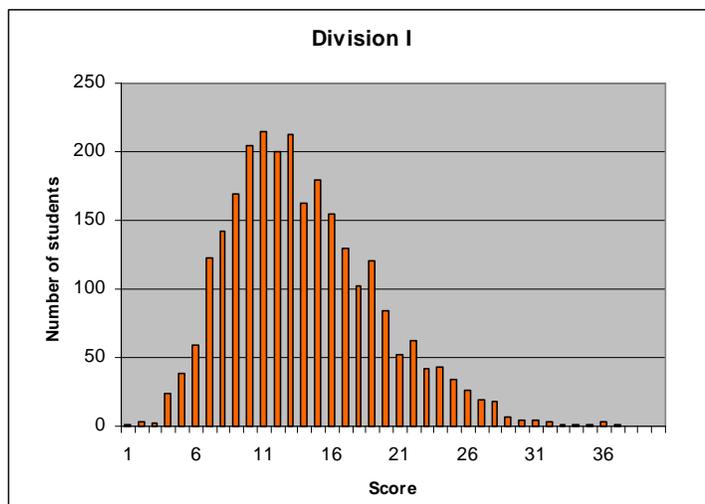
The enclosed sheets give the school's team score and the following information obtained from each student's answer form:

Student Name School ID Number Division Region Score

All of the above information was read directly from each student's answer sheet. Errors are the results of improperly filled out forms. For any missing students, please contact Dr. Courtney Willis, Courtney.Willis@unco.edu.

Statistics for exam

Average Score for Division I = **14.0** with a standard deviation of 5.5
Average Score for Division II = **14.6** with a standard deviation of 5.1

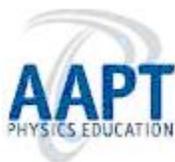


**** The production of a challenging contest of only 40 questions so that scores are not concentrated at the upper end of the scale is an enormous task. The averages for this year's exam were similar to last year's contest (Division I was 1.0 point lower than last year, while Division II was about 2 points lower), but a bit lower than desired.

**** Are you interested in helping to prepare next year's contest?!?!**

Ways in which you can help...

1. You can send 5 multiple choice problems that you use on your exams to be considered for use on future contests. The questions can be of any level and topic. Please email them to michaelfaleski@delta.edu.
2. You can participate in the writing/editing of the exam. If you are interested in this task, please contact me at my email michaelfaleski@delta.edu and I'll be happy to discuss the process with you.
3. You can send suggestions about how to improve the PhysicsBowl. The PhysicsBowl Advisory Group will be meeting to discuss the future of the exam at the summer AAPT meeting. We already have several things that we are considering, but we'd love your ideas.



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Top Division I student

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Highest Scoring *Division I* Students in each Region

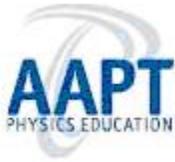
<u>Reg</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>
02	27	HOFFMAN, MARCUS L	The Wheeler School	Providence	RI
03	36	WANG, JIXUAN	Don Mills Collegiate	Toronto	ON
04	36*	LEH, STEPHEN W	Millburn HS	Millburn	NJ
05	34	LIANG, JONATHAN J	Thomas S. Wootton HS	Rockville	MD
06	30	LERNER, DAVID M	Walton HS	Marietta	GA
07	30	HU, DAVID C	North Royalton HS	North Royalton	OH
08**	24	REUM, ERIC D	Ludington HS	Ludington	MI
09	28	NELSON, CLIFFORD	Vernon Hills HS	Vernon Hills	IL
10	28	ZHANG, LUCY	Edina Senior HS	Edina	MN
11	29	LIU, XINRAN	Oak Ridge HS	Oak Ridge	TN
12	28	ONEILL, MICHAEL S	St. Louis Univ. HS	St. Louis	MO
13	32	ZHANG, MARK A	William P Clements HS	Sugar Land	TX
14	37	ZHANG, ZHIFAN	University HS - Irvine	Irvine	CA
15	32	KIM, SEUNGSOO	Mountain View HS	Vancouver	WA
20	29*	LI, DANIEL	Thomas Jefferson HS	Alexandria	VA

Second Highest Scoring *Division I* Students in each Region

<u>Reg</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>
02	24*	CANNELLA, ANDREW B	Ellington High School	Ellington	CT
03	27*	YEVICK, AARON	Yeshiva Univ. HS for Boys	New York	NY
04	36	ZHU, MICHAEL H	Ridge HS	Basking Ridge	NJ
05	25	AMBLER, MATTHEW T	Maurry HS	Norfolk	VA
06	25	NEUMAN, TOM M	Walton HS	Marietta	GA
07	29	EMMERTARONSON, JACOB	Revere HS	Richfield	OH
08**	22	PIEDMONTE, DANIEL T	Carmel HS	Carmel	IN
09	27*	NI, ALLEN Z	Vernon Hills HS	Vernon Hills	IL
10	24*	VERHULST, BEN C	Heritage Christian HS	Milwaukee	WI
11	27	YAN, WEI	Vestavia Hills HS	Vestavia Hills	AL
12	26	WRIGHT, KEVIN A	St Louis Univ. HS	Saint Louis	MO
13	30	HUNG, JESSICA	Catalina Foothills HS	Tucson	AZ
14	33	LI, PATRICIA Z	Lynbrook High School	San Jose	CA
15	31*	SU, CULLEN	Mountain View HS	Vancouver	WA
20	29	HAN, FRANK	Oklahoma Sci/Math	Oklahoma City	OK

* = place determined by tiebreaker

** = scores were recalculated because of some Division marking errors.



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Top Division II student

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Highest Scoring *Division II* Students in each Region

<u>Reg</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>
02	25	PARK, KEEBUHM	Phillips Exeter Acad.	Exeter	NH
03	36	LONG, JUNJIAJIA	Glebe Collegiate Institute	Ottawa	ON
04	30	TINTEA, STEFAN P	Millburn HS	Millburn	NJ
05	28	CAO, MANXI	Sidwell Friends School	Washington	DC
06	27*	YOON, SUK WHAN	Brookwood High School	Snellville	GA
07	26	LAI, ALEC C	Hawken School	Gates Mills	OH
08	31	HARRIS, DUNCAN W	Chelsea School	Chelsea	MI
09	32	MCCALL, MARGARET J	Libertyville High School	Libertyville	IL
10	31	BEYER, DAVID M	Century HS	Rochester	MN
11	25	HUGHES, MITCHELL O	Homewood High School	Homewood	AL
12	32	SLOSS, DAKIN	Clayton HS	Clayton	MO
13	29*	CARPENTER, JAMES L	MacArthur High School	San Antonio	TX
14	27	MAO, BROOKLIN	Sacramento Country Day	Sacramento	CA
15	27	PANG, BILL	Sir Winston Churchill	Vancouver	BC
20	33	GAN, EDWARD R	Montgomery Blair HS	Silver Spring	MD

Second Highest Scoring *Division II* Students in each Region

<u>Reg</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>
02	23	PHADKE, AJAY A	Branford HS	Branford	CT
03	28	PUTTERMAN, ELI	Yeshiva Univ. HS for Boys	New York	NY
04	29	NAM, YOON JAE	Mercersburg Academy	Mercersburg	PA
05	27*	ADAMS, MATTHEW B	Myers Park HS	Charlotte	NC
06	27	KILGORE, DAVID C	Brookwood High School	Snellville	GA
07	24*	KROMER, MATTHEW A	Lakota East HS	Middletown	OH
08	27	LI, JIMMY J	Northville HS	Northville	MI
09	28*	YAN, FRANK C	Libertyville High School	Libertyville	IL
10	25	SECOR, ETHAN B	Stillwater Area HS	Stillwater	MN
11	23	SMITH, LANDON C	Oak Ridge HS	Oak Ridge	TN
12	28	ORLAND, PAUL M	Clayton HS	Clayton	MO
13	29	HU, KENNETH	William P Clements HS	Sugar Land	TX
14	25*	OUYANG, DEREK	Arcadia HS	Arcadia	CA
15	25	TURZILLO, ALEX M	Tigard HS	Portland	OR
20	29	WILSON, KODY A	Oklahoma Sci/Math	Oklahoma City	OK

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Highest Scoring *Division I* School

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Highest Scoring *Division I* Schools in each Region

<u>Reg</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>
02	94	The Wheeler School	Providence	RI
03	99	Yeshiva University HS for Boys	New York	NY
04	131	Millburn HS	Millburn	NJ
05	96	Thomas S. Wootton HS	Rockville	MD
06	100	Walton HS	Marietta	GA
07	101	Revere HS	Richfield	OH
08**	83	Carmel HS	Carmel	IN
09	106	Vernon Hills High School	Vernon Hills	IL
10	81	Whitefish Bay HS	Whitefish Bay	WI
11	94	Oak Ridge HS	Oak Ridge	TN
12	102	St. Louis University HS	St. Louis	MO
13	94	William P Clements HS	Sugar Land	TX
14	118	University HS-Irvine	Irvine	CA
15	121	Mountain View HS	Vancouver	WA
20	113	Thomas Jefferson HS for Sci/Tech	Alexandria	VA

Second Highest Scoring *Division I* Schools in each Region

<u>Reg</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>
02	86	Arlington HS	Arlington	MA
03	97	Don Mills Collegiate Inst	Toronto	ON
04	113	Ridge HS	Basking Ridge	NJ
05	91	Woodberry Forest School	Woodberry Forest	VA
06	79*	Pine Crest School	Fort Lauderdale	FL
07	100	Hawken School	Gates Mills	OH
08**	81	Ludington HS	Ludington	MI
09	103	Libertyville High School	Libertyville	IL
10	80	Heritage Christian HS	Milwaukee	WI
11	93	Vestavia Hills HS	Vestavia Hills	AL
12	95	Helias HS	Jefferson City	MO
13	93	St. Mark's School of Texas	Dallas	TX
14	109	Arcadia HS	Arcadia	CA
15	94	Sir Winston Churchill Secondary	Vancouver	BC
20	108	Bergen County Academies	Hackensack	NJ

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Highest Scoring *Division II* Schools in each Region

<u>Reg</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>
02	79	Branford HS	Branford	CT
03	91	Don Mills Collegiate	Toronto	ON
04	109	Millburn HS	Millburn	NJ
05	98	Thomas S. Wootton HS	Rockville	MD
06	97	Brookwood High School	Snellville	GA
07	81	Hawken School	Gates Mills	OH
08	97	Chelsea School	Chelsea	MI
09	107	Libertyville HS	Libertyville	IL
10	98	Century HS	Rochester	MN
11	87	Homewood High School	Homewood	AL
12	100	Clayton HS	Clayton	MO
13	101	William P Clements HS	Sugar Land	TX
14	89	Arcadia HS	Arcadia	CA
15	86	Western Canada HS	Calgary	AB
20	104	Montgomery Blair HS	Silver Spring	MD

Second Highest Scoring *Division II* Schools in each Region

<u>Reg</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>
02	70	Newtown HS	Sandy Hook	CT
03	89	Glebe Collegiate Institute	Ottawa	ON
04	85	West Windsor - Plainsboro HS S	Princeton Junction	NJ
05	91	Myers Park HS	Charlotte	NC
06	90	Walton HS	Marietta	GA
07	79	Lakota East HS	Middletown	OH
08	86	West Lafayette Jr/Sr HS	West Lafayette	IN
09	85	Vernon Hills High School	Vernon Hills	IL
10	83	Arrowhead HS	Hartland	WI
11	80	Oak Ridge HS	Oak Ridge	TN
12	76	Blue Valley North HS	Overland Park	KS
13	81	St. Mary's Hall School	San Antonio	TX
14	84	Stevenson School	Pebble Beach	CA
15	84	Sir Winston Churchill Secondary	Vancouver	BC
20	101	Science Academy of S TX	Mercedes	TX