

## Morton 'Mathletes' Take 1st in Conference, Score High in State

Students from Morton East and the Freshman Center have proven their mathematic chops during conference competition on April 30 as the team took first place in five of the events.

Competing against other schools in the West Suburban Conference math competition, Morton's team was able to overcome four other schools to nab the top honors in Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Frosh/Soph Calculator, Frosh/Soph 8-Person and the Junior/Senior Team. The Mustang Mathletes, as they are known, also took second in the Junior/Senior Calculator and Frosh/Soph Team competitions and third in the Algebra, Advanced Algebra and Junior/Senior 8-Person competitions.



Individually, 15 Morton students were given All-Conference honors during the events. These include:

Algebra: Daniel Castillo, Alek Valero

Advanced Algebra: Ismael Contreras, Andres Rodriguez

Pre-Calculus: Oswaldo Cortes, Kacia Huynh, Enrique Leon, Morad Misleh, Daniel Salas, Jesus Solis

Calculus: Berenis Calleros (Perfect Score), Matthew Herrera, William Ocampo (Perfect Score), Eduardo Perez (Perfect Score), David Romero

Just a couple days later, on May 2, Morton's team traveled to the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign to compete in the state competitions, marking the sixth straight year Morton 201 has been able to send qualifiers to the event. While they did not take top honors, they did bring in the best team total at state in Morton 201 history with 99 points. Among the scores were Jesus Solis with 24 points in Geometry, Daniel Salas with 30 points in Algebra 2, and the Calculator Team - comprised of Oscar Barraza, Kacia Huynh, Eduardo Perez, Jesus Solis, and Alek Valero - which tallied 45 points to finish in 23rd place.

This year's team was coached by Tim Januszyk, Barb Kane, Joe Ngai, Bob Russ and Matt Horvath.

## District 99 Schools meet Selena Gomez and Magic Johnson at WE DAY service event.

Hundreds of District 99 students traveled to the All-State Arena on April 30 to take part in the national WE DAY event, where they were treated with celebrity appearances imploring students to become advocates for social justice.

The annual celebration focuses on the power of youth involvement for local and global poverty and included local and international celebrities such as singers Selena Gomez and Jennifer Hudson, actor Michael Douglas, NBA legend Magic Johnson and Chicago-native and Grammy, Golden Globe and Oscar winner Common, who spoke on the importance of service and fighting for a good cause.



To qualify for the event, students had to contribute a certain amount of service hours to the community. For District 99, however, service was not a new concept. Unity's students have donated hundreds of hours through numerous food drives, raising more than \$10,000 during their Pennies for Patients drive to benefit cancer research foundation, among a multitude of other personal volunteer activities.

Because of WE DAY, Unity students have proposed new service projects such as water conservation projects, visiting homeless shelters and senior homes, and providing resources for our veterans.

All over District 99, schools have gotten involved with new service efforts for the community. Goodwin school students built raised garden beds to grow vegetables and fight hunger in the community, receiving more than \$10,000 in grants from the PTA to assist them.