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### **MONTANA STUDENTS VIE FOR PRIZES IN UM MATH COMPETITION**

#### **MISSOULA—**

High school students from across Montana will be at The University of Montana Monday, Sept. 17, to compete in “Who Wants to Be a Mathematician?”

UM’s Department of Mathematical Sciences is teaming with the American Mathematical Society for the event, which begins at 11 a.m. in the University Center Ballroom.

The competition will last about one hour and is free and open to the public.

“Who Wants to Be a Mathematician?” is a game of skill and excitement patterned on the television show “Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?” The game rewards math performance and at the same time provides fun entertainment.

Competing students can win up to \$2,000 in cash by answering multiple-choice mathematics questions. The contestants were selected based on their scores on a qualifying test sent to all Montana high schools.

Montana students who will take part in the competition are: Trevor Bennett, **Whitefish** High School; Glen Dower, **Great Falls** High School; Casey Donovan, **Havre** High School; Steven Green, **Joliet** High School; Kallen Konen, **Butte** High School; Alec Patterson, Hellgate

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High School, **Missoula**; Courtney Peck, **Sidney** High School; and Jack Stringfield, **Gardiner** High School.

The American Mathematical Society has been presenting the game for more than six years at locations from Boston to Honolulu. This is the first opportunity for Montana high school students to play.

Game sponsors are Texas Instruments, Maplesoft, John Wiley & Sons and the AMS.

More information is online at <http://www.ams.org/wwtbam>.

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