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RCS student places in regional MATHCOUNTS competition

Roxboro Community School (RCS) eighth grader Matthew Roberson earned fourth place individual honors in the North Central chapter of North Carolina 2010 MATHCOUNTS competition, held at Vance-Granville Community College (VGCC). The competition was sponsored locally by VGCC, Piedmont Community College, the Professional Engineers of North Carolina, Progress Energy and Novozymes.

Matthew is the son of Mark and Renee Roberson of the Allensville community. This was his second time participating in the competition; he also competed when he was a sixth grader at Bethel Hill Charter School. PCC President Dr. Walter Bartlett presented Matthew with a letter of commitment to award him a PCC Foundation scholarship, should Matthew decide to attend PCC after graduating from high school. Coach for the RCS MATHCOUNTS team was RCS math teacher John Poole.

A total of 41 middle school students represented eight schools from the area, including Bethel Hill Charter School and RCS (Roxboro), Bunn Middle School, Eaton-Johnson Middle School (Henderson), G. C. Hawley Middle School (Creedmoor), Henderson Middle School, Northern Granville Middle School (Oxford), and Vance Charter School.

Team awards went to Vance Charter School, first; G.C. Hawley Middle, second; and Northern Granville Middle, third. Individual winners in addition to Matthew were
Lamonte Carter of Henderson Middle, Lawrence Bacudio of Vance Charter and K. J. Hardie of G. C. Hawley Middle.

MATHCOUNTS is a national competition program designed to provide middle-school students with the foundation for success in science, technology, engineering and mathematics careers by promoting achievement in math. More than six million students across the country have participated in MATHCOUNTS. Members of the National Society of Professional Engineers provide support and leadership for competitions at the local and state levels.

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