Of the 389 solution papers submitted for consideration in Moody’s Mega Math Challenge 2009, only 66 (17%) advanced to the contention round of judging, and 23 were then deemed worthy of recognition. Seventeen teams will receive an Honorable Mention Team Prize of $1,000 each.

The Honorable Mention Teams

Academy for the Advancement of Science and Technology
Team #11
Hackensack, New Jersey

East Greenwich High School
Team #204
East Greenwich, Rhode Island

High Technology High School
Team # 126
Lincroft, New Jersey

Hunterdon Central Regional High School
Team #211
Flemington, New Jersey

J.R. Masterman Demonstration School
Team #92
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Kinnelon High School
Team #173
Kinnelon, New Jersey

McQuaid Jesuit
Team #469
Rochester, New York

Montgomery Blair High School
Team #251
Silver Spring, Maryland

Needham High School
Team #410
Needham, Massachusetts

New Canaan High School
Team #322
New Canaan, Connecticut

Shrewsbury High School
Team #228
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts

St. Joseph High School
Team #163
Metuchen, New Jersey

Stuyvesant High School
Team #293
New York, New York

Summit High School
Team #222
Summit, New Jersey

The Family Foundation School
Team #239
Hancock, New York

The Lawrenceville School
Team #253
Lawrenceville, New Jersey

Valley Regional High School
Team #6
Deep River, Connecticut

Today, the top six teams, selected unanimously by the judges, will present their solution papers and answer questions about their work. Each of these teams will win one of the following scholarship prizes:

- **M³ Challenge Champion** $20,000
- **M³ Challenge First Runner Up** $15,000
- **M³ Challenge Third Place** $10,000
- **M³ Challenge Fourth Place** $7,500
- **M³ Challenge Fifth Place** $5,000
- **M³ Challenge Sixth Place** $2,500

Contenders

Bergen County Academies
Team #119
Hackensack, New Jersey
Coach: Elizabeth Casarico
Joshua Eiseman
Peter Humanik
Elan Paz Kugelmass
Taesup Lee
Jordan Moldow

Elk County Catholic High School
Team #290
Saint Marys, Pennsylvania
Coach: Theodore Hanes
Joshua Casimir Catalano
Eric Higgins
Donald Anthony Meier
Charles Harold O’Leary
William Frances Yost

High Technology High School
Team #58
Lincroft, New Jersey
Coach: Ellen LeBlanc
Steve Castellano
Ethan Dale
Jay Feldman
Dan Mane
Matthew Warshauer

Staples High School
Team #143
Westport, Connecticut
Coach: Gertrude Denton
Kyle Beatty
Jonathan Choi
Jason Gandelman
Naveen Murali
Justin Sherman

The Wheeler School
Team #128
Providence, Rhode Island
Coach: George Lewis
Matt Halpern
Brett Musco
Chris Shaw
Karan Takhar
Alex Wheelock

West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North
Team #57
Plainsboro, New Jersey
Coach: John Cornell
Shir Aharon
Chris Bergman
Chin Moya
Kong Tracie
Lin YunHui
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2009 ASAE Associations Advance America (AAA) Award of Excellence
2008 Excellence Award, Committee Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy (CECP)

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