

## People

# Math World Contest Tryouts Attract 121 Competitors

By a Staff Reporter

Five Indian American students won awards at the Primary Math World contest tryouts, held in February at the Quinlan Center in Cupertino, Calif.

A total of 121 students, ranging from grades two through seven and representing 58 schools in the San Francisco Bay Area, competed.

To qualify to represent the Silicon Valley team in the Math World contest, which will be held in Hong Kong in July, students had to take a 20-question test of logical and reasoning math problems in 45 minutes.

Those scoring in the top 10 percent have been invited to a 12-week training program offered by MathEdge. This year, to qualify in the top 10 percent, students had to post a score of over 27 out of a total of 50 possible points.

Another test will be given to

choose the final eight students for a final training session through June, with those selected receiving five days of room, board and local tours in Hong Kong. Air fare is not included.

Each year about 50 teams and 200 students from countries all over the world participate in the tournament. "It is a unique opportunity for the elementary school and junior high students to have an academic and cultural exchange with children around the world," said MathEdge coach Ewa Garg.

Trophies were given to the top three students at each grade level, and medals were awarded for fourth and fifth places. Among those receiving awards were: sixth grader Rahul Jayaraman, Strudford School, second place; seventh grader Rohit Sarathy, Miller Middle School, Cupertino, third place; fourth grader Aneesh Samineni, Harker School, San



The 10 top award winners in the Math World contest tryouts pose with their coach.

Jose, third place; fourth grader Siddharth Kotapati, Garden Gate,

Cupertino, fourth place; and fifth grader Srinath Goli, Mission San

Jose Elementary, Fremont, fifth place.