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STATE MATHCOUNTS RESULTS — a team of four middle school Mathletes and their coach will represent Louisiana at the 2007 Lockheed Martin MATHCOUNTS National Competition in Fort Worth on May 11, 2007.

The students and coach representing Louisiana are: Daniel Cooper, Lake Castle School (Madisonville, LA); Michael Fishman, Boyet Junior High School (Slidell, LA); David Zhang and Zeshum Ahmed both from Glasgow Middle School (Baton Rouge, LA); and Coach Claudia Allums, also from Glasgow Middle. These students were the top individual scorers in the recent Louisiana Statewide MATHCOUNTS Competition.

Each team member has trained since the fall and competed in local and state competitions to earn his spot on the state team. These top Mathletes earned an all-expense-paid trip to Fort Worth where they will compete both as a team and individually for the chance to win trophies and scholarships. In order to earn the title of “National Champion” or “National Team Champion” individuals and teams will have to outscore 228 competitors from 57 territories representing all 50 states, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories and Department of Defense and State department affiliated schools.



2007 Louisiana MATHCOUNTS Team

MATHCOUNTS, a nationwide math enrichment program that combines coaching and competition, was designed to improve math skills among U.S. students. The program targets middle schools because it is a crucial stage in student interest and ability in mathematics. This year, 103 students participated in the Louisiana Statewide program.

Leadership of the 2007 State MATHCOUNTS program was provided by members of the Louisiana Engineering Society (LES) in association with the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE).

In Louisiana, Shell Oil Company is a major MATHCOUNTS sponsor. “Shell is pleased to support MATHCOUNTS. This program fits perfectly with Shell’s strategy to support promising students as they pursue innovative projects with an underlying emphasis on math and science.” John Hofmeister, President - Shell Oil Company.

The national sponsors of MATHCOUNTS are Lockheed Martin, Raytheon Company, Texas Instruments Incorporated, Northrop Grumman Foundation, National Society of Professional Engineers, 3M Foundation, General Motors Foundation, CNA Foundation and National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The National Society of Professional Engineers, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and CNA Foundation founded MATHCOUNTS.

Additional information on MATHCOUNTS is available at www.mathcounts.org.



2007 Louisiana Statewide MATHCOUNTS Competition – Countdown Round



"Shell is pleased to support MATHCOUNTS. This program fits perfectly with Shell's strategy to support promising students as they pursue innovative projects with an underlying emphasis on math and science," said John Hofmeister, President, Shell Oil Company. "Math and science skills are extremely important to many occupations at Shell. As the number of engineering and geosciences graduates diminishes, it becomes even more important to encourage students' to begin building their math and science skills at an early age."