

## BATON ROUGE MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL CLIMBS THE MOUNTAINS

Mrs. Sharon Besson and Mrs. Doris Parrino took nine students from BRMHS to compete at the Mu Alpha Theta National Convention in Fort Collins, Colorado in July. Mu Alpha Theta is the National Honors Mathematics Society which is an organization dedicated to promoting scholarship in mathematics and establishing math as an integral part of high school and junior college education. Over 600 students from 45 schools throughout the nation, including Hawaii, and Souel, Korea competed. All had a wonderful time competing, site seeing, socializing, and making new friends from around the country.



Front row (left to right): Mrs. Besson, Sheila deGuzman, Maisha Robinson, Anna Li, Chengwei Peng, and Mrs. Parrino.  
Back row (left to right): Jack Cochran, Robert Giglio, Celia Zhang, Andrew Gowdy, and Rodney Chang.



Rodney Chang, who graduated in May, finished his high school career competing at the National Convention. He placed 9<sup>th</sup> in Advanced Calculus. Rodney will be attending Columbia University in New York in the fall, where he will be majoring in either Electrical or Chemical Engineering.



Jack Cochran, who graduated in May, also finished his high school career competing at the National Convention. He placed 6<sup>th</sup> in Calculus Integration, 8<sup>th</sup> in Proofs, and 11<sup>th</sup> in Sequences and Series. Jack will be attending Cal Tech in the fall majoring in either Physics or Applied Physics.

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Sheila deGuzman went all out at the convention. Not only did she place 6<sup>th</sup> in Chalk Talk and 10<sup>th</sup> place for poster (with Anna Li), she also was elected to the national office of Parliamentarian. Sheila, a senior, plans to continue to recruit students to pursue the joy, knowledge, and camaraderie found in the Mu Alpha Theta club.



Robert Giglio, a senior, has been an active member since 9<sup>th</sup> grade. This is Robert's first national convention, but probably not his last. He placed 7<sup>th</sup> in Computer. Robert has mastered the rubics cube solving the 3x3 cube in under a minute and the 4x4 cube in a couple of minutes.



Yao (Anna) Li also shined at the national convention. Anna won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the History of Calculus and 10<sup>th</sup> in Poster (with Sheila deGuzman). Anna has been active with Mu Alpha Theta on both the school and state level. Anna is the Louisiana State Mu Alpha Theta President.



Chengwei Peng, a senior this year, has been an active member since her freshman year and sadly will be moving to Tennessee. She will be greatly missed and will hopefully attend the National Convention next year with her new school. Chengwei placed 5<sup>th</sup> in Limits and Derivatives.