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## **Science Park High School Gains First Place Wins at Essex County Math League Contest**

**June 1, 2010** – Students at Newark’s Science Park High School have placed first in two categories at the 2010 Essex County Math League Olympics, which took place last week at Caldwell College. In addition, the school placed overall third.

This is the first time a Math team from a Newark Public Schools high school has placed in the county tournament and the first time one of the district’s high schools has won first place in a category.

The Science Park Calculus Team, Salomao Becker, Cristiana De Oliveira, Nayra Lancuna, Deborah Santos and Myla Zhang won first place, beating the prestigious Millburn and Livingston high school teams.

Student Nayra Lancuna placed first in the Individual Calculus event.

The school’s Advanced Math Team, Sindy De Oliveira, Cynthia Ramos, Jaime Reynoso, Manuel Torres and Kharis Xavier placed third, while the Algebra II Team placed fourth.

“Winning in the Essex County Math League Olympics is a big accomplishment for the Newark Public Schools and its Math Program,” said Newark Public Schools Director of Mathematics May L. Samuels. “We were up against the best schools in the county and our students held their own.” A total of 14 schools were represented at the contest.

The Newark Public Schools organizes an annual Math Olympics for students in all grades. The event was established a decade ago to encourage students to become excited about Math and relate it to their everyday lives.

Science Park High School is located at 460 Norfolk Street in Newark and enrolls students in grades seven through 12.

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