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Four JLS Students Win Stock Portfolio Contest

MARCH 18, 2014 – PALO ALTO -- Four JLS Middle Schoolers are the winners of a stock portfolio contest sponsored by a Palo Alto non-profit, and will be honored for their ability in financial strategy in a special ceremony on March 25, 2014.

The overall winner is 8th grader Michael Huang, with runners up 6th grader Isha Rajput, and 8th graders Kyu-Ri Chang, and Sarah Youngquist, all of whom participated in the event put on by the JLS Math Club.

“I was delighted to see the enthusiasm and energy displayed by our students. The contest provided them with a rare experiential lesson on risk and reward,” said Math Club advisor and JLS math teacher Kate Franklin.

The contest was sponsored by ProbabilityManagement.org, which promotes open standards for communicating uncertainty and risk. The Executive Director of the non-profit is Sam Savage, Stanford University Consulting Professor. He is joined on the board by Nobel Laureate in Economics and father of portfolio theory, Harry Markowitz, and Lead Tax Counsel of

the Walt Disney Company, Michael Salama. Financial data for the contest was supplied by Morningstar Inc., a leading provider of independent investment research.

“We were hoping the kids would grasp these concepts, but we had no idea they would embrace them so completely at that age,” said Savage, who prepared the students for the contest with in-depth lessons on portfolio diversification and risk.

The award ceremony will take place on Tuesday March 25, at 4pm at JLS Middle School, 480 East Meadow Dr., Palo Alto.

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