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Students Step Up to the Moody's Mega Math Challenge This Weekend

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This weekend, more than 5,400 U.S. high school students comprising 1,193 teams are gearing up for the sixth annual Moody's Mega Math Challenge. While the stakes have always been high, this year's teams are competing for $115,000 in scholarships—the largest award yet--and an opportunity to apply for a summer internship at Moody's.

Moody's Mega Math Challenge

Moody's Mega Math Challenge is an internet-based applied math contest for high school juniors and seniors. It started as a city-wide contest in the New York City metropolitan area, growing throughout the years to encompass 29 states in the Eastern U.S. The Challenge takes a timely and relevant real-world problem and asks student teams to come up with its best solution.

The Challenge represents one of Moody's main philosophies on corporate responsibility: supporting education--particularly the study of mathematics, finance and economics—means helping individuals and businesses to succeed. The Challenge gives students a lesson in critical thinking, as well as a monetary means to advance their college educations and a chance to gain real-life experience by interning at Moody's.

More than 100 Ph.D.-level mathematicians judges will choose the top six teams, who will compete for the coveted prize at 7 World Trade Center on 26 April. A final judge panel will determine their rank order based on team presentations.

The top six prizes total $60,000 and range from $20,000 for the Champions to $2,500 for Sixth Place. An additional $55,000 will be awarded to approximately 50 Finalist and Honorable Mention teams. All scholarship money is provided by The Moody's Foundation.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit the Moody's Mega Math Challenge website and check back on MoodysNet this spring for an announcement about this year's winners.

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