The Third Annual Pacific Lutheran University High School Programming Contest was held Saturday, February 2\(^{nd}\), at the Morken Center for Learning and Technology.

Twenty-four teams registered for the contest with 58 students from twelve schools competing for awards and prizes. Students worked for three hours to write programs to solve as many problems as they could from a set of eleven problems written for each category (Advanced and Novice). Teams are ranked by the number of problems solved. Teams that solve the same number of problems are ranked by the total time needed to solve the problems. More information about the contest (e.g., scoreboard, pictures, and problems) can be found at [http://www.plu.edu/csce/hs-prog-contest/home.php](http://www.plu.edu/csce/hs-prog-contest/home.php).

Congratulations to the following teams:

**Advanced Category:**
1\(^{st}\) Place - Roosevelt High School – Cillian M., Olivia I., and Emma L.  
(8 problems in 933 minutes)

2\(^{nd}\) Place - Lakeside High School – Nikhil B. and Gero B.  
(5 problems in 301 minutes)

3\(^{rd}\) Place – Engelberg Homeschool – Frances D.  
(5 problems in 577 minutes)

**Novice Category:**
1\(^{st}\) Place – Olympia High School – David G. and Brennan S.  
(11 problems in 761 minutes)

2\(^{nd}\) Place – Roosevelt High School – Luke S., Nate S., and Kilian F.  
(11 problems in 775 minutes)

3\(^{rd}\) Place – Cleveland High School – Kiet S., Tyvon, T., Johnny N.  
(10 problems in 521 minutes)

All the winning teams received engraved medals and the top team in the advanced category won a perpetual trophy that is engraved with their names and the name of their high school. The winning team will retain the trophy until September to be displayed at their high school.

The top represented schools were Cleveland (5 teams), Auburn Riverside (4), and Holy Names Academy (3)

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Jan Stuckey from Olympia High School

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