

Cumberland Elementary and Rosspoint Elementary won first and second place, respectively, in the regional Mathcounts competition held Saturday on the Middlesboro Campus of Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College.

Middlesboro Middle School won third place honors.

The individual champion was Caleb Hogue of Cumberland.

Other individual winners during the competition were: Matthew Roddy, Harlan Middle, second; Ramy Ghanim, Middlesboro, third; Hope Pace, Rosspoint, fourth; Jacob Sutton, fifth place, Bell County Middle; Josh Tolliver, sixth, Bell County; Gage Burkhart, seventh place, Rosspoint; Erin Cornett, eighth place, Cumberland; Patrick Smallwood, ninth place, Rosspoint; and Matthew Saylor, 10th place, Middlesboro.

Mathcounts is a national math enrichment, coaching and competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement through grassroots involvement in every U.S. state and territory. Mathcounts is one of the most successful education partnerships involving volunteers, educators and industry sponsors and students.

The organization's mission statement is to increase enthusiasm for and enhance achievement in middle school mathematics throughout the United States. It is supported primarily by the national Society of Professional Engineers, the National Council for Teachers of Mathematics and the CAN Foundation.

The local coordinator in our region is Corey Napier of Vaughn and Melton Engineers. In addition to team recognition, individual awards are given to the top 10 students at the competition.

The state competition will be held March 30 and 31 at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville.

