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**New Paltz High School Mathletes Excel in 2018-2019 Season**

**NEW PALTZ** – The New Paltz High School (NPHS) Mathletes teams are proving to be fierce competitors. This season, three NPHS teams qualified for Sectionals, with New Paltz securing both a team division win and an individual top-score win. Also, of the more than 500 students from area schools who competed this season only the top 33 students advanced to qualify for States. Five of these 33 are from NPHS.

NPHS's 40-member club takes part in five competitions a year, with an A, B, C, and D team, as well as individual competitors. The competitions are part of the Dutchess, Ulster, Sullivan and Orange (DUSO) Math League.

Every Wednesday after school, the Mathletes practice a range of logic and mathematical problems provided by club advisor and veteran NPHS math teacher, Kathryn Stewart, who has been teaching at the District for 16 years.

"Wednesday afternoons bring me more joy than I can express," Stewart said. "I look at the walls covered in math and all the animated, excited students who stayed an hour after the last bell to participate and I could not be prouder."

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Kudos to Jaden Thomas-Markarian, a junior, who tied for top-scorer in the DUSO Math League, and Team A, who won their division.

The following students have advanced to States, which will be held at Middletown High School on April 6: Jaden Thomas-Markarian; Claire Deen Taylor, Mathletes president; Mason Eyler, a 12-year-old club member; Elijah Tamarchenko; and Noah Kalus.

“We are all so proud of the Mathletes accomplishments thus far,” said NPHS Principal Barbara Clinton. “Their dedication, teamwork, and effort has truly paid off and we know they will shine in the State competition.”