

(Left to right) Top Mathcounts team winners for Country Day School, Caylee Watson, 14, Cameron Hoss, 13, Quinn Galbreath, 14, and Chris Car, 12, pose with their trophies Thursday morning. Pictured behind is Country Day Mathcounts coach Rachel Newman.

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Country Day takes big island MathCounts title

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ST. CROIX - Grinning, trophy-clutching Country Day School "mathletes" stepped to the top of the renowned MathCounts competition Thursday afternoon, and are now prepared to square off against the best Antilles School has to offer.

The final round takes place on St. Thomas March 26 at an as-yet unidentified location, according to Department of Education officials.

Country Day won first overall in the team category with 14-year-old Caylee Watson, 13 year-old Quinn Galbreath, 13 year-old Cameron Hoss and 12-year-old Chris Car nabbing the top team trophies.

Individually, Car, Quinn,

Chandler Nelson of the Good Hope School, and Adara McCorminck, too, of Country Day, will go on to compete individually.

Jean Devera, 12, of Country Day won the "Countdown Round" award, a contest where students competed against each other on the clock to solve problems, and will advance as well.

From St. Thomas, only Jordan and Taylor Ladd, both students at Antilles were reported to have advanced in the individual round.

Bertha C Boshulte Junior High was the runner up on St. Thomas.

The semifinal competition took place at the Good Hope School.

According to the Department

of Education, MathCounts is a national program designed to improve math skills among U.S. students, and focuses on youth in the "crucial stage" of developing and sustaining math interest and ability - middle school students.

The annual event on-island is organized by the St. Croix District mathematics coordinator Juanita Boneque, and is sponsored by the Rotary Club of St. Croix Mid-Isle, according to Rotary officials.

Other local sponsors include Division of Curriculum, Assessment and Technology, St. Croix Curriculum Center Staff, Mathematics Teachers Leaders, Capitol Tee's and the University of the Virgin Islands.

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Andriens, Symbols, Bill of Rights and Human Rights Committee video conference at the University of the Virgin Islands Thursday.

Even though the committee, chaired by Lois Hassell-Habtes, voted to not include a definition of marriage in the draft of the document, the matter can be entertained by delegates again at another time.

During a two-day plenary session on Feb. 17 and 18, delegates voted to have Habtes' committee consider whether or not a definition of marriage should be included in the draft. If her committee would have voted in favor of including a definition of marriage, it would have then had the duty to define it.

Before voting on the matter Thursday, the delegates discussed Title 16, Section 3 of the VI Code, which states that marriage is declared to be a civil contract which may be entered into between a male and a female.

The delegates also discussed a petition signed by more than 1,300 VI residents who want marriage defined within the VI constitution as a union between a man and a woman. While some residents want a definition of marriage included in the VI Constitution, another resident wrote an e-mail to the delegates asking

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man Foundation, National Society of Professional Engineers, 3M Foundation, General Motors Foundation, CNA Foundation, and Conoco Phillips.

The National Society of Professional Engineers, National

Council of Teachers of Mathematics and CNA Foundation founded the competition in 1983.

St. Croix school results:

Country Day School
Arthur A. Richards Junior

High

John H. Woodson Junior Hi
Elena L. Christian Junior Hi
Church of God Holiness
Good Hope School
Pearl B. Larsen Elementary
The Manor School