



LCWM ECONOMICS CHALLENGE and Finance Decathlon Team #1, l-r: Josh Sonnabend, Nolan Meyer, Cammey Young, Landon Rick, and Josh Devens.

Two LCWM Teams in State Competition

It was quite a week for a team from LCWM. They earned a trip to the state Economics Challenge competition as well as the state Finance Decathlon competition. In addition to the two state trips, they also broke several long-standing records at LCWM.

In the first competition, two teams from LCWM competed at the Southern Minnesota Economics Challenge competition held at Minnesota State University, Mankato, on March 27. LCWM competed against six other teams from Butterfield-Odin, Glenville-Emmons, and Nicollet.

Members of LCWM Team #1 are Josh Sonnabend, Nolan Meyer, Cammey Young, Landon Rick, and Josh Devens. Members of LCWM Team #2 are Kyle Pirron, Bradley Bindig, Jordan Gilman, Reid Ellanson, and Collin Thompson. Team advisor is Billy James.

In the Economics Challenge, students participate in four rounds of competition. Each round is composed of college-level economics questions. In round one, students complete a microeconomics test. In round two, a macroeconomics test is taken. In round three, all team members work together to com-

plete an international economics and current events exam. After round three, only the top two scoring teams advance to the "quiz bowl" round to compete in a "winner-take-all" 25 question head-to-head competition. In this round, students ring in using buzzers much like on Jeopardy. The winner of this last round then advances on to the state competition.

LCWM Team #1 scored 990 points and placed first. They defeated Nicollet (the second place team with a score of 838) by a score of 9-5 in the quiz bowl round to earn a trip to the state

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LCWM ECONOMICS CHALLENGE individual award winners, l-r: Josh Sonnabend, first place; Nolan Meyer, second place; and Cammey Young, fourth place.



LCWM ECONOMICS CHALLENGE and Finance Decathlon Team #2, l-r: Jordan Gilman, Collin Thompson, Bradley Bindig, Kyle Pirron, Reid Ellanson.

competition. LCWM Team #2 scored 338 points and placed fourth.

LCWM Team #1's score of 990 points is the highest score in school history as well as the highest score in the small school division since the current competition format began in 2002.

The team will now compete at the state competition at the University of Minnesota-St. Paul campus on April 15.

As if this wasn't exciting enough, LCWM had two teams that competed in the Finance Decathlon. Teams of five students competed online by taking a 30 question multiple-choice test covering 10 areas of personal finance. Over 60 teams competed across the state of Minnesota.

The Personal Finance Decathlon recognizes students in grades 9-12 who have demonstrated excellence in the mastery of personal finance concepts. The purpose of this activity is to increase financial literacy by encouraging and rewarding the study of personal finance.

The team members are the same on both teams as in the Economics Challenge. The teams are coached by Billy James. Both teams had outstanding scores, but only one team from a school is allowed to compete at the state Finance Decathlon. LCWM Team #1 scored 580 points while LCWM Team #2 scored 415 points. Only the top four scoring teams are invited to participate in the state Finance Decathlon. Minnesota scores ranged from 680 to -15.

LCWM Team #1 will now compete at the state level on April 29, at the Federal Reserve Bank in Minneapolis. The state competition is a head-to-head competition where students answer questions by ringing in on Jeopardy-like buzzers. This is only the second year of Finance Decathlon competition, and LCWM has advanced to the state level in both years.