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**RADNOR, MARPLE-NEWTOWN, AND STRATH HAVEN
ARE WINNERS IN SECOND ROUND DELCO HI-Q CONTESTS**

Hi-Q teams began the second round of competition with three high scoring matches at Radnor, The Christian Academy and Strath Haven.

At Radnor High School, Jan. 3: Radnor principal Joseph Canella, a former Hi-Q participant, welcomed visiting teams from Archbishop Carroll and Interboro. Laurie Long, Vice President of Marketing, representing sponsor Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union introduced veteran Quizmaster Tom McCarthy to start off the first contest of 2007.

Interboro was off to a strong start as they picked up points in the first three categories to take an early lead. Radnor quickly moved ahead by correctly answering their Literature question and earning two bonus points in the category, which generated much applause from the home crowd. Radnor went on to dominate the next three categories and held a ten-point lead by the half way mark. The second half began with correct answers from all three teams in Chemistry but Radnor managed to build on their lead and went on to win the contest. Supporting the team in the audience was Radnor Superintendent, Dr. Gary Cooper.

One of the unique features of the Delco Hi-Q program is the Appeal Procedure that takes place after each contest. All three teams and their faculty advisors have a five-minute opportunity to review any question and complete an Appeal Form if they believe an answer they have given is correct. The Hi-Q Director then contacts the author of the question. If the appeal is valid the team will receive points for their answer...if their answer is not accepted the team has 2 points deducted from their final score. In today's contest Radnor took advantage of this process and was awarded 3 points for an answer given in American History.

Final scores after a successful appeal were:

RADNOR - 52, ARCHBISHOP CARROLL - 12 INTERBORO - 29

At The Christian Academy, Jan. 4: The entire high school was in attendance as principal Anita Gray greeted teams from Marple Newtown and Academy of Notre Dame de Namur. Joining parents and students in the audience was Trish McFarland and Cathy Durning from the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce. After offering a traditional prayer, Mrs. Gray turned the podium over to Delco Hi-Q Co-Director, Rick Durante. Mr. Durante asked the student audience to recognize the effort and preparation of the Hi-Q teams and thanked sponsors for their support. Mrs. Liza Mattis was on hand from Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union to introduce the contest.

Marple Newtown scored first in Current Events by correctly identifying the U.S.S. Intrepid as the naval vessel stuck in the mud of the Hudson River. The Notre Dame team closely matched Marple's point totals in the early categories. The home crowd had reason to cheer when The Christian Academy scored a pick up point in Mathematics and added three points in Geography. Notre Dame and Marple Newtown were only separated

by six points at intermission. Marple increased the gap by picking up five bonus points and correctly answering all but one question posed to them in the second half.

Final scores were:

Marple Newtown– 56

Academy of Notre Dame– 37

The Christian Academy– 12

At Strath Haven High School, Jan. 5: Strath Haven's choral group, The Silvertones, treated the audience to a moving rendition of the National Anthem before the start of the contest. Principal Mary Jo Yannacone spoke about the commitment of Hi-Q students and welcomed two Nether Providence High School graduates, Kim Durnell from the Chamber of Commerce and Anne McNally of Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union. Mrs. McNally introduced the contest and turned the program over to veteran Quizmaster and Delco Hi-Q Hall of Honor member, Tom McCarthy. The excitement was felt in the auditorium as the Strath Haven audience cheered for all three teams and held banners encouraging the home team.

The home team "Panthers" did not disappoint this crowd. They missed answering the Current Events question on the first try but still picked up three points by answering on the second attempt. Chester and Monsignor Bonner scored four points for their correct answers in the category. The rest of the contest belonged to Strath Haven as they went on to dominate the first round by taking the toss up question in Sports and by giving correct answers in six of eight categories. Their score was also boosted by picking up five bonus points during the first half. They lead by 19 points at intermission and went on to win the competition.

Final scores were:

Strath Haven– 50

Monsignor Bonner– 23

Chester–5

Delco-Hi-Q is co-sponsored by the Delaware County Intermediate Unit (program management) and The Foundation of the Delaware County Chamber (primary fund raiser and fund management). Tom McCarthy is Quizmaster, Dave Bramble is the production engineer and the Hi-Q Co-Directors are Ginger Beaumont and Rick Durante.

In addition to the participating schools' support, primary corporate sponsor is Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union. Valedictorian sponsor is Kimberly-Clark Corporation. Contributors and supporters for the 2006/2007 season are the Delaware County Daily Times and Hilbush Foundation.

For information on becoming a sponsor of this unique education program, contact Donna Stilwell at (610) 565-3677.

Photo Captions:

Radnor

Standing (l to r): Siddhartha Kosaraju, Corey Donahue, Will Whitcomb, Parth Naidu, Vignesh Nathan, Faculty Advisor Mary Quinlan

Seated (l to r): Aditya Pisupati, Huayu Liu, Danielle Pooler, Sanjeev Reddy, Daniel Sieburth

Strath Haven

Standing (l to r): Faculty Advisor William Rothenbach, John Zhang, Matt Bernstein, Jack Jiang, and Assistant Coach Ellen Donnelly

Seated (l to r): Yuxi Lin, Eda Kouch, Jesse Bruner, Meng Zhang, Claire Levis

Not pictured: Faculty Advisor Nino DeProphetis, Krupa Patel, Sneha Narasimhan

Marple Newtown

Standing (l to r): Roashan Ayene, Jason Pan, Dan Albert, Faculty Advisor Deborah Bonder

Seated (l to r): Amy (Xiujie) Guo, Marisa Felsher, Joey Mansky, Jen Dailey, Jenny (Wei) Wang

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