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SUN VALLEY AND HAVERFORD WIN DELCO HI-Q CONTESTS

At Penn Wood High School Dec.18: After Assistant Principal, Ms. Anne Devenney welcomed teams from Chester and Sun Valley, Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union Vice President, Liza Mattis thanked “parents, educators, and the Hi-Q sponsors and supporters” for their commitment to Delco Hi-Q. Veteran Quizmaster, Tom McCarthy started the sixth contest of the season by posing questions in Current Events. The enthusiastic crowd cheered early as the home team picked up a bonus point on Chester’s missed first question.

Chester went on to receive the audience’s applause when they correctly answered their question in Math. Sun Valley dominated the contest by correctly answering six of eight questions posed to them in the second half and picked up nine bonus points throughout the contest.

Final Scores were:

SUN VALLEY – 50 PENN WOOD – 26 CHESTER – 8

In the audience was Sue Stephan from the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce, representing the Foundation of the Delaware County Chamber.

At Penncrest High School, Dec. 19: Visiting teams and guests were welcomed by Penncrest Assistant Principal, Mr. John Lohn who spoke about Penncrest’s commitment to the Hi-Q competition. Mr. Jack Holfelder, President of the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce, addressed the audience and recognized Hi-Q’s supporters and sponsors. Mrs. Dawn Bressler, a Penncrest graduate representing Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union, explained how “Hi-Q started as a radio quiz program in 1948” that still challenges Delaware County students today.

The home team took a one-point lead after the second category. Penncrest faced strong competition from the defending champions, Marple Newtown and the very competitive Haverford team. Haverford took the lead on the Biology category and were ahead four points at intermission.

In the second half, all three teams correctly answered the first four regular category questions. Haverford and Penncrest matched wits as neither team missed questions in Physics, American Government, and World History.

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None of the teams came up with the right answer in the final toss up Math question, which sealed the victory for Haverford.

Final Scores were:

HAVERFORD – 55

PENNCREST – 52

MARPLE NEWTOWN – 39

Lending support in the audience was Christopher McGinley, Executive Director of the Delaware County Intermediate Unit, the program's co-sponsor. Joining team members and guests in the post contest reception was Penncrest Principal, Mr. Ken Batchelor and Maria Rolston, Education Specialist at Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union.

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.

UPCOMING CONTESTS:

At Radnor: Wed., Jan. 3, 10:00 a.m. with Archbishop Carroll and Interboro

At The Christian Academy: Thurs., Jan. 4, 10:00 a.m. with Marple Newtown and Academy of Notre Dame

At Strath Haven: Jan. 5, 9:40 a.m. with Monsignor Bonner and Chester

The community is encouraged to attend any Hi-Q contests and should contact the host school in advance for reserved seating and registration.

Photo Captions:

Sun Valley

Standing (l to r): Faculty Advisor William Stull, Naveen Ponnappa, Ryan Schoen, Dave Pierdomenico

Seated (l to r): Gabe Mercado, Nicole King, Eric Schwandt, Jess Prince, Dan Mercado

Haverford

Standing (l to r): Simon Fox Krauss, Alex Weisler, Jen Trinh, Ben Jack, Ben Reimold, Faculty Advisor Dave McCauley

Seated (l to r): Katie Storey, Rachel Chang, Dakota Fisher-Vance, Dori Abel, Taylor Helsel

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