

MathFest 2009 Jeopardy **Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel, Portland, OR** **August 5, 2009**

The four teams that competed in MathFest 2009 Jeopardy were Clarkson University (Potsdam, NY), Grand Valley State REU (Allendale, MI), Western Oregon University (Monmouth, OR) and Winona State University (Winona, MN). The team memberships were:

- **Clarkson:** Dillon Ethier, Jason Holloway, Tova Lindberg
- **Grand Valley:** Robert Castellano, Timothy Ferdinands, Kyle Golenbiewski, Derek Olson
- **W. Oregon:** Matt Schmidgell, Kristal Temple, Laura Waight, Tori Widawski
- **Winona State:** Kevin Greimel, Cory Lowe, Bryan McCauley, Alex McCullough

At the midpoint of the round, Clarkson and Grand Valley State REU battled for control of the board on questions from Discrete Mathematics and Linear Algebra. The scores prior to Final Jeopardy were Clarkson (4300), Grand Valley (4100), Western Oregon (-900), and Winona State (-900). Although no school answered the Final Jeopardy question correctly, Grand Valley was only one binomial coefficient away from a perfect answer. Clarkson and Grand Valley wagered 4100 and 3901 points, respectively so that Grand Valley took 1st place and Clarkson finished in 2nd place. Western Oregon and Winona State tied for 3rd place.

Faculty volunteers for the round were: scorekeeper – John Hamman (Montgomery College, MD); judge – John Hodge (Grand Valley State, MI), and timekeeper – Joyati Debnath (Winona State, MN).

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