

2006 ARML Results

2006 Ohio A (4th in the B Division)

Brian Bolte St. Xavier
Chester Chen Sycamore HS
Carlos Dominguez N. Ridgeville HS
Ben Fulan Granville HS
Leah Itagaki Thomas Worthington HS
Sarai Itagaki Thomas Worthington HS
Zack Goldman Sycamore HS
Jon Krasue Strongville HS
Richard Lee Shaker Heights HS
Chris Mohr Village Academy
Shravas Rao Reynoldsburg HS
Raymond Tan Mason HS
Jay Wang University School
Stephen Watkins Centennial HS
Lizzy Wei Sycamore HS

2006 Ohio B

David Backus Village Academy
Mario Carneiro Hilliard Darby HS
Ian Coley Village Academy
Eric Dymerski Village Academy
Laney Kuenzel Hathaway Brown
Jon Losh Wadsworth HS
Russell Melick Mt. Vernon HS
Kevin Mickey Dublin Scioto HS
Tom Riley Maumee Valley CD
Nick Sakian Twinsburg HS
Bryan Schmidt Edison HS
Billy Tang Sycamore HS
Brandon Wenning Celina HS
April Zhang Sycamore HS
Wei Zhou Strongville HS

Also, Alex Mannion (Seven Hills School) brought home a score of 5, earning him high scorer honors on one of the Penn State Alternate Teams. The high scorer on Ohio A was Jon Krause (6). The High Scorers on Ohio B were David Backus, Laney Kuenzel, Nick Sakian, Billy Tang, and April Zhang (all with 4). It should be noted that Chester Chen also earned a score of 5.

As for the teams, both Ohio teams were entered in the B division this year... a trend that will have to come to an end next year after the A team finished tied for 4th place nationally in the B division out of 73 teams! Including teams from all divisions, this would be tied for 30th out of 107 teams. With this result, the Ohio A team will be forced into the A division next year ... and we will be ready! The Ohio B team improved dramatically from last year, finishing in 39th place in the B division.

Ohio was also represented in the finals of the song contest for the second straight year. I can't say that we were robbed, but I think that having a microphone for the final round actually backfired on us since the audience could no longer hear the entire ensemble singing.

As for the "controversy", it is true that our score sheet credited us with 4 more points than the final spreadsheet did. Apparently, the heads of ARML discovered very late in the afternoon an error in the answer key for the competition on one of the team round questions, and at the last minute pulled all of the team round sheets to make a correction to team round question #9 (the answer should be 7, not 6). While most teams were unaffected by this, a few teams were awarded four extra points, and a few teams (including Ohio A) had four points deducted since their answer was not correct after all. So, as it turns out, we did finish in fourth, even though our score sheet indicated we might have finished a little bit higher.

Again, thank you all for a wonderful trip. I hope to see many of you back on the bus to

Penn State next year. I know we had many juniors and ARML falls at a time when many schools graduate, but please do your best to return if possible and please talk up the ARML to other students at your school who are talented, interested, and invited to compete.

Thanks again and congratulations on a great performance!!



Performing in Song Finals



Receiving Awards



Ohio Participants