

WSLS Trig-Star Committee Report June 6th, 2008

The Trig-Star Program for 2008 in Wisconsin was very successful. Our presentations on land surveying were attended by over 300 students. We had 14 schools involved with a total of 222 students taking the test this year. The schools participating and their sponsors were the following:

<u>School</u>	<u>Sponsor(s)</u>
1. Sun Prairie H.S., Sun Prairie	Dan Birrenkott
2. East H.S., Madison	Don Paulson & John Thousand
3. LaFollette H.S., Madison	Don Paulson & John Thousand
4. Madison West H.S., Madison	Don Paulson & John Thousand
5. Oregon H.S., Oregon	Joe Gruber
6. Brown Deer H.S., Brown Deer	Joe Tew
7. Greenfield H.S., Greenfield	Al Schneider
8. Hartford Union H.S., Hartford	Matt O'Rourke
9. Port Washington H.S. Port Washington	Warren Guettel
10. Sauk Prairie H.S., Sauk City	Rod Key
11. Granton H.S.	Wade Pettit
12. Green Bay Southwest H.S., Green Bay	Terry Van Hout
13. West De Pere H.S., De Pere	Tom Wood
14. Superior H.S. , Superior	Fletcher Koos/Al Schneider

The contest winners for 2008 were as follows:

- 1st Place – Krystal Carlson of Sauk Prairie High School 100% in 25min 48 sec.
- 2nd Place – Tom Ostby of Madison West High School 100% in 35 min 16 sec.
- 3rd Place – Pei Yu Yang of Granton High School. 100% in 35 min 19 sec.

2007 Program Acknowledgements:

- The committee is grateful to the Board for the increased Contest award amounts of \$500 (teacher), \$500, \$250, \$100.
- Don Paulson for sponsoring three schools this year.
- New Sponsors. Warren Guettel and Fletcher Koos. It's nice to have them and their schools as new members of the Trig-Star Family.
- The continued contributions of Tom Wood, Dan Birrenkott, Rod Key, Wade Pettit, Matt O'Rourke, Joe Tew , Terry Van Hout, Joe Gruber, and John Thousand. They have been able to be counted on every year to sponsor programs at their local schools.

Other items of note have included:

- **Wisconsin Trig-Star Scholarship**- We now have a scholarship opportunity due to the generosity of the WSLs Foundation. This scholarship is available to any student who enrolls in a program in Land Surveying after having taken the Trig Star test at some point during their high school career.
- **Wisconsin Math Council Conference**– Rodney Key and I attended this conference on May 1st to give a presentation on Trig-Star to a group of 20 math

educators from Wisconsin high schools. We have been contacted by two teachers and expect to add at least two new schools next year to our Trig-Star program due to this event.

- **Granton High School makes the Local news!**- The math teacher from Granton High School was given a National Award for a math lesson she provided her students based on the Trig Star survey program created by Wade Pettit. A story on her award appeared on the local news with footage of Clark County Surveyor, Wade Pettit.
- **NSPS Trig Star Committee-** The NSPS Trig-Star committee chairman extended an invitation for me to become involved with this program at a national level. I will look closer at this opportunity in 2009.

Trig Star Committee Chairman

Allen J. Schneider