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#### GAUSS MATHEMATICS CONTEST

Approximately 1,000 Burnaby Schools students in grade 7 (or lower) participated in the National Gauss Mathematics Contest. Administered by the University of Waterloo, this is an extremely challenging contest and to answer 20 or more out of the 25 questions is a tremendous achievement. Our students performed remarkably well, with eight students obtaining a perfect score and 15 students either skipping just one question or getting one incorrect.

Additionally, a contest that is unique to Burnaby Schools is the Abel Math Contest, which prepares students for the Gauss. Approximately 700

## ENVIRONMENT FIRST ON HER AGENDA

Congratulations to Burnaby Youth Sustainability Network's president Salina Kung, on her Environmental Award from the City of Burnaby! Salina, a grade 12 student at Alpha Secondary, gave a very gracious speech thanking her parents, the students she's been inspired by over the years, the Burnaby Board of Education & its staff, the City of Burnaby and her fellow students in the BYSN. Representing the School District were Trustees Pandher, Chen, Chia, Narang and Wong, and Director of Instruction Ron Hall. Well done, Salina, and good luck at SFU this fall!

## NORTH STUDENT EXCELS AT NATIONAL FRENCH PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Burnaby North's Sophia Luo represented both Burnaby and BC proudly at this year's National French public speaking competition on May 30 in Ottawa. Competing in the grade 11/12 Core French category, her speech entitled "Pourquoi apprendre une autre langue?" captured the judges' attention and garnered her the top award. This year marked the 32nd anniversary of the Canadian Parents for French BC & Yukon sponsored Concours d'art oratoire, and the 13th anniversary of the national competition. Congratulations Sophia!

## PROVINCIAL TRACK MEET 2015

Two Burnaby Schools students came home with medals at the BC Provincial Track Meet held earlier this month. They include:

- Diego Medrano of Burnaby South who captured a bronze medal in the junior boys 100m hurdles in a time of 15.51 seconds and
- Amanda Scott of Cariboo Hill who won bronze in the grade 8 girls 800m in a time of 2.24.44

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