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## Thomson Middle Places in STEM Competitions, Advances to National

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Thomson Middle School recently competed in two science, engineering, technology and math (STEM) events and performed well. Students Andrew Jackson and Ransom Tah competed at the Regional MATHFEST in Atlanta on March 24, 2018. The young men qualified for the National MATHFEST, which will take place May 19 in Birmingham, Al. Their math coach is Erin Peck.

Thomson students also competed at the state Science Olympiad held Mar. 10 in Atlanta. The team won a third-place medal in the “Write It, Do It” category. The team members are: 8th graders Olivia Wright, Jordan Stephens; 7th graders Shania Browne, Tiffany Doan, Cheyenne Reeves, Diya Patel, Dalton Cohen; and 6th graders Kaelei Aragon, Jariah Goodine, Lilly Stilwell, Hannah Davis, Dev K Patel and Alaina Brown. Their coaches are: Amanda Coggins, Nicole Leary, Kimberly Tinsley and Erin Peck.

The team qualified at state after placing third overall at the regional competition held Feb. 17 in Statesboro. The students brought home the following awards:

- 1st place medals - Anatomy and physiology, Herpetology, Dynamic planet, Experimental design and Optics.
- 2nd place medals - Fast facts, Ecology and Potions and poisons.
- 3rd place medals - Wright stuff, Thermodynamics, Road scholar and Solar system.
- 4th place medals - Rocks and minerals, Meteorology, Roller coaster, Crime busters and Mystery architecture.

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