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German Students Blitzkrieg the Competition Flyers Place *Fünfzehn* in German Language Contest

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Each year, high-school German students from all over America in their sophomore, junior, and senior years take part in a competition testing their skills in German vocabulary, grammar, and culture. In the Long Island Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German, 15 Chaminade German students placed in their respective divisions. A total of 48 German students across Long Island received awards in the annual competition.

Although Chaminade has always done well in the past, this year resulted in one of the highest rankings in its history. Juniors alone placed nine times in their division.

"I make no predictions. Every year changes," said moderator of the German Club and teacher of German III and IV Bro. Richard Hartz. "This year, however, the juniors did exceptionally well."

"It definitely felt good to win, but it felt even better to win as part of a group," said Louis Lagalante '11, the Level III division winner on Long Island.

Sophomore Rich DeMarco agreed. "After taking the test, I thought I performed fairly well, but I never expected to actually win the entire sophomore division on Long Island!"

Additionally, the following Flyers also placed

in the competition: Cody Abbey '10, Senior Trip Award Nominee; Donald Derham '10, 1st

'11, 8th Place, Level III; Eric Haslbauer '11, 9th Place, Level III; Dillon Kelly '12, 3rd

Place, Level II Special; and Andreas Krauland '12, 1st Place, Native Speaker Level II.

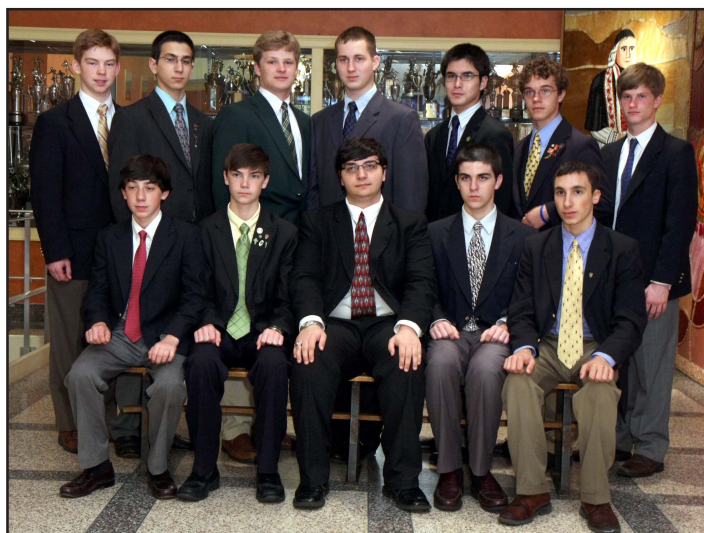
In addition, senior Cody Abbey was presented with a \$1,000 scholarship for his excellence in German studies over the past four years.

In the wake of this success, Chaminade German teachers have expressed satisfaction with their students, as well as a sense of personal achievement.

"It's always rewarding to see my students go above and beyond by continuing their interest and enthusiasm outside the classroom," said Mr. Terence Fitzgibbon, teacher of German I and II.

Chaminade's growing dominance in this competition has also had an effect on German's growing popularity as a foreign-language choice.

"The current Freshman Class is larger than the average German class of the last five years, with thirty-six students," said Mr. Fitzgibbon, "so I am very hopeful for our German students' performances next year." ✦



(Front row, l.-r.) Dillon Kelly '12, Rich DeMarco '12, Max Schnidman '10, Donald Derham '10, Louis Lagalante '11, (back row, l.-r.) Brian Cunningham '11, Dan Minervini '11, Sean Mahon '11, Andreas Krauland '12, John Capano '11, Eric Haslbauer '11, and Dan Miller '11 blitzed the competition and struck like lightning in this year's German Language Contest.

Place, Level V; Max Schnidman '10, 1st Place, Level IV; Dan Minervini '11, 2nd Place, Level III; Dan Miller '11, 3rd Place, Level III; Brian Cunningham '11, 4th Place, Level III; Sean Mahon '11, 6th Place, Level III; John Capano