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### Badin squads sweep JETS competition

“J-e-t-s ... Jets, Jets, Jets!” That’s what two Badin High School squads could legitimately chant after sweeping the annual competition in the Junior Engineering Technical Society (JETS) at the University of Cincinnati.

Both the Badin varsity squad, made up of seniors, and the junior varsity team of juniors, finished in first place, an unprecedented sweep by the BHS contingent.

“It takes a lot of luck to win both divisions,” said JETS moderator Mark Merz, chair of Badin’s math department. “But these students prepared well and worked together well as teams, so they were able to pull it off.”

The teams take an exam known as the Test of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science (TEAMS) competition and are scored against various other schools, which this year included McAuley, McNicholas, Mother of Mercy, Mount Notre Dame, Winton Woods and Wyoming high schools.

In recognition of the win, a \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded to one Badin JETS team senior who will be attending the University of Cincinnati in the fall.

“As with any interscholastic competition, JETS gives the students a chance to get a perspective on how they stack up against students from other schools,” said Merz, who also teaches physics at Badin. “Our students should be proud of their performance. This success is a very nice accomplishment for them.”

Seniors on Badin’s varsity unit included Laura Boehm, Robert Koch, Tricia McCutchan, Ryan Miller, Josh Minton, Katie Rusbacky, Ross Schneider and Elizabeth Sunderhaus. This group had, in fact, won the junior varsity competition in 2007.

The junior varsity squad included juniors Jake Benzing, Jamiee Harbin, Kelly Hoerst, Jonathan Kuhl, Kara Martini, Ben Motley, Katie North and Matt Roesch.

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