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### **1. WSPE President's Message**

By: John M. Parisi, P.E., F.NSPE, Fox River Valley Chapter



It is hard to believe that this will be my last President's message, it seems like the year has simply flown by. It has been a most satisfying and enjoyable year because of the wonderful people engaged in making the Society strong.

We made a great deal of progress during the past year. We had another successful Discovery Conference and Governor's New Product Award competition last month hosted by our partner MSOE. The State had another successful year of MathCounts competition and we had some legislative oversight on some important legislation protecting your Professional Licensure. In addition, current projections indicate we will finish the year in a positive financial position.

None of these major accomplishments just happen, there are many dedicated volunteers, along with our fine Executive Director, who spend countless hours giving back to the profession through their service to the Society. Unfortunately for WSPE, we are losing two long-time champions of MathCounts in Norm Arendt, our State Coordinator for many years, along with Darwin Behlke our State MathCounts team chaperone. Norm and Darwin have decided it is time to retire from their volunteer activities after many years of service. We thank Norm and Darwin for their loyal support of MathCounts and realize the Wisconsin program has benefitted greatly from both of their service.

If anyone is interested in stepping in for either Norm or Darwin, please forward your name to Ed Rodden, this is a great opportunity to give back to the profession and mentor young students at the same time!

There are many individuals I need to thank for their service and assistance to my administrative year as WSPE President, but this is not the place to do that. Please recognize that I am grateful for

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move the Society forward and she has my full confidence and support. I trust she will continue to have the benefit of the many talented volunteers this Society has for her term as well.

John M Parisi, PE, F. NSPE

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## [2. The University of Wisconsin-Platteville Online](#)

By: Amanda Miller

### **What would your career do with \$10,000?**

What if you had \$10,000 to spend toward a master's degree? The University of Wisconsin-Platteville Online wants to give you just that!

Scholarships, made possible by a partnership with the National Science Foundation, can help fund your 100% online Master of Science degree in engineering, project management, or integrated supply chain management. If you have a STEM-related undergraduate degree, you may be eligible. Once awarded, you'll gain resources to help you with goal planning, professional development, and career guidance.

Read about the journeys of Autumn Fisher and Esteban Valderrama-Agudelo, some of the first [scholarship recipients](#). "It has been a very satisfying experience; before the STEM Scholar experience I just followed the classes without thinking what I wanted for my future. But now, with the help of the mentors and champions, I have a plan of where I want to be in the future," Valderrama said. "The STEM Scholar experience has helped me to set up and focus on short, mid, and long term goals, as well as recognize and overcome the obstacles that might get in the way to accomplish my goals."

Why wait? Check out the scholarship criteria and application information today at [GoUWP.com/NSF](http://GoUWP.com/NSF)

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## [3. WSPE Metro Chapter Milwaukee Brewers Outing](#)

By: Kevin Keast

Check out this [PDF](#) containing information about the 2016 WSPE Metro Chapter Milwaukee Brewers Outing! It's not too late to sign up; game is this Friday, **June 10th at 7:10 PM** at Miller Park. All Metro Chapter members and their families or guests are invited. Sign up today!

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By: Darwin D. Behlke, P.E.

## 2016 MATHCOUNTS® Competition Results

By Darwin D. Behlke, P.E.

2016 Raytheon MATHCOUNTS National Competition was held in Washington, D.C., May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. 244 Mathletes competed from the 50 states, plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands and schools worldwide affiliated with the U.S. Department of Defense and State Department.

Wisconsin Team finished 30<sup>th</sup>. Talking with Coach Loi Nguyen before the competition, he thought the team would finish about 10<sup>th</sup> place when comparing the results of previous years and the team members' abilities. The competition was tougher than he thought.

The Written Competition Champion Mathlete® was Edward Wan, Washington, who had a perfect score. This year the first place team, Texas had all team members in the Countdown Round, which is a first time happening at the National Competition.

The standing after the Countdown Round was Edward Wan, 1<sup>st</sup> place; Luke Robitaille, TX, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Jason Liu, NV, and Ben Kang, VA, semi-finalist; Benjamin Wright, TX, Brian Liu, NJ, Alex Xu, MI, and Andrew Cai, TX, quarter-finalists.

The top ten teams were Texas (1<sup>st</sup>), California (2<sup>nd</sup>), Washington (3<sup>rd</sup>), New Jersey (4<sup>th</sup>), Massachusetts (5<sup>th</sup>), North Carolina (6<sup>th</sup>), Indiana (7<sup>th</sup>), Virginia (8<sup>th</sup>), Ohio (9<sup>th</sup>), and Michigan (10<sup>th</sup>).

For more details, go to <https://www.mathcounts.org/national-competition> to find links to additional results, Math Video Challenge Finals, and photos.

I would like to thank WSPE for sponsoring MATHCOUNTS and for sponsoring me as a chaperone for 14 competitions. It was a fantastic time meeting so many talented Mathletes and their parents from Wisconsin as well as previously mentioned places. It was a great opportunity to meet the MATHCOUNTS' staff as well as other coordinators and coaches. I am sorry that I need to retire due to health issues associating with aging.

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Is your chapter hosting an event? Did your chapter get some new members? Have you started your own business? Is your company taking on a really challenging project? If you said "yes" to any one of these questions, or would like to share anything even remotely newsworthy with the rest of WSPE, let us know! We'd also like to include an article in the next eNews summarizing any recent changes or accomplishments to inform your fellow WSPE members.

Please contact Jordan Rasmussen, WSPE Communications Intern, at [communications@wspe.org](mailto:communications@wspe.org) to share any news. We look forward to including your news in our monthly updates!

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