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NEWS RELEASE

Columbus High Student Named U.S. Physics Team Semi-finalist

(Columbus, GA) -The American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT) announces the top students who will compete in the semifinal round of the U.S. Physics Team selection. Four (4) students from Georgia will compete as semi-finalists for the U.S. Physics Team, and one of them is Andrei Markov from Columbus High School.

Approximately 3,200 students participated in the first phase of the selection process, the $F_{net}=ma$ Exam, in January. The exam is multiple-choice only, with a focus on mechanics. A second exam is used as the basis for selection of twenty-four (24) members of the U.S. Physics Team.

In May, these students will travel from schools all over the United States, to the University of Maryland-College Park to the U.S. Physics Team Training Camp.

Students will engage in nine (9) days of intense studying, mystery lab, daily exams, and problem solving. At the end of the training camp, five students and an alternate will be selected as the "Traveling Team" to represent the United States at the International Physics Olympiad (IPHO). In July, the Traveling Team and their coaches will attend a three (3) day mini-camp of intense laboratory work before moving on to the IPHO.

The AAPT began the (IPHO) program in 1986 to promote and demonstrate academic excellence. The IPHO is a nine (9) day competition among pre-university students from more than eighty (80) nations. The 2010 Olympiad will be held in Zagreb, Croatia, July 17-25.

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