

2025 Chemathon at the University of Florida

On Friday, April 25th 2025, Ms. Katherine Darnell, IB Chemistry teacher at St. Petersburg High School, took a team of four 10th grade Pre-IB chemistry students to the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida for the Chemathon Chemistry competition with over 22 High Schools participating from around the state of Florida. Included in the days activities was an individual chemistry competition, hands-on laboratory experiments in the University of Florida's state-of-the-art laboratory facilities, tours of two research laboratories: one a medical nanotechnology program designing cancer detection systems, a team Quiz-bowl style competition, and a "super duper chemistry demo show". This was the first year that St. Petersburg High school participated in the event. Prizes were awarded at the Award Ceremony at the end of the day and everyone was thrilled when St. Petersburg High student Julian Muetzel tied for 1st place in the Level One Chemistry Individual competition. The team of: Zane Hahn, Jake Hamilton, Shyam Korabathina, and Julian Muetzel won 2nd Place in the Overall Winning Team Award. It was a fabulous first showing for St. Petersburg High School! Congratulations to all!



Photo left: Jake Hamilton, Shyam Korabathina, Ms. Katherine Darnell, Zane Hahn, Julian Muetzel. Photo right: Ms. Katherine Darnell and Julian Muetzel