

Hi....I'm Jim Padavic, Math club sponsor at Cherry Creek High School and I'd like to say a few words about Srinivas Arun, one of our best students, who is one of the inaugural recipients of the Dick Gibbs Colorado Math Award.

Srinivas, who is attending MIT this fall, has an incredible list of honors that he has accomplished since BEFORE he became a student here, including awards in Latin, Computer Science, Linguistics, Speech, Physics, and, of course, Math. His ACT score was perfect, and his SAT score was near perfect. He has qualified for USA Math Olympiad (twice), Physics Olympiad, Computing Olympiad, won a National Latin Exam Gold Medal (twice) and is an Atlas Fellow and President's Award winner. Srinivas had a perfect ARML score and helped lead his ARML team to a third place national finish.

Srinivas has been a leader and always is one of our top scorers in every math competition we've participated in at Cherry Creek, since sixth grade. He enjoys talking shop with the other math club members, learning and teaching. He finished Creek's math curriculum his sophomore year. He has since taken Stanford online classes the last two years. This may explain why he never has his calculator with him at math club, and I'm frequently lending him one of mine!

Srinivas' passion for math goes beyond our school. He loves to learn and teach and collaborate. He has been a member and instructor in many local math organizations, including the Colorado Math Circle, Denver Math Club, EXP II, and MathCounts. I'd like to thank some of Srinivas' valuable mentors, Silva Chang and Thomas Davids, among others. The people who know Srinivas know him to be humble and friendly and helpful. I am so pleased that he receives this award, as he embodies the characteristics that this award celebrates.