



REACH NEWS



Director's Summary

It's been an expansive year of 'Reach' play, with hundreds of schools participating across the country.

Go to our Facebook page (facebook.com/ReachForTheTop) for more detailed information on the **National Finals**, also for photos, film clips, reports and comments from student and alumni fans throughout the past year. And watch for our recurring Quiz Game on Facebook "**Five Questions in Five Days.**"


Check our website at www.reachforthetop.com during the coming year for updates from provincial co-coordinators on the play schedules in each province, and send photos or information on your 'Reach' activities that we can post on our 'Reach' site.

Our thanks to the teacher-coaches in every province who field teams, arrange play dates, ask questions, judge answers and generally make the Schoolreach tournament system work across our vast country.

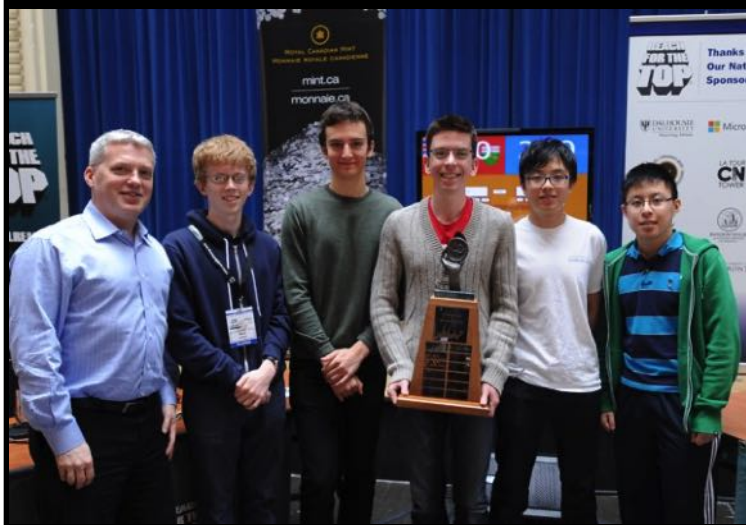
Thanks also to the provincial co-coordinators (see their reports on the following pages) who organized and ran the provincial finals and produced uniformly strong teams to represent each province at the Nationals; to the editorial board of 'Reach,' **Jeremy Willard, Patricia Beecham-Cooper, Stephen Finlay and Ian Greig** and to the National Director **Daniel Hill**, and National Co-ordinators **Eric Novakovics, and Frank Russell**.

Congratulations to everyone involved in 'Reach' for a year of successful games and best wishes for a relaxing summer.

Paul G. Russell
Executive Director,
The "Reach" Organization

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



Congratulations to the 2012-2013 National Champions University of Toronto Schools

Thomas Broadley, Leslie Ying, Cole Jackes,
Daniel Lovsted, Bill Jia
and Coach Fraser Simpson

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Nova Scotia Report

By Hans Budgey,
Nova Scotia Provincial Co-ordinator

A successful 2012-2013 season of Reach for the Top-SCHOOLREACH, in Nova Scotia, culminated in the two-day Provincial Finals, held this year in Bible Hill, at the Dalhousie University Agricultural Campus, Haley Institute. **Dalhousie University**, NS Provincials sponsor, provided a \$1000 award to the winning team, as well as gift bags to all participants and coaches. On Saturday, April 27th, the preliminary round-robin tournament ended with **Cobequid Educational Centre** in first place overall. The round-robin standings were as follows: On Sunday, April 29, the Nova Scotia Finals were held; using the seeding results from Day 1 of the competition, the following playoff schedule took place:

Rank	Team	W	L	PF	PA	Diff.
1	Cobequid Educational Centre	6	0	2280	680	+1600
2	Dartmouth High School	4	2	1750	1100	+650
3	North Colchester High School	3	3	1060	1400	-340
4	Auburn Drive High School	3	3	1070	1460	-390
5	Sydney Academy	2	4	1030	1460	-430
6	Glace Bay High School	2	4	1000	1470	-470
7	Sackville High School	1	5	770	1390	-620

On Sunday, April 28th, the finals were held; using the seeding results from Day 1 of the competition, the following playoff schedule took place:

#1 Cobequid Ed. Centre	BYE
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#4 Auburn Drive High School	240
#5 Sydney Academy	150

#2 Dartmouth HS	440
#7 Sackville HS	110

#3 North Colchester HS	230
#6 Glace Bay HS	190

Cobequid Ed. Centre	540
Auburn Drive	170

Dartmouth HS	430
North Colchester HS	130

Cobequid Ed. Centre	480
Dartmouth HS	230



Congratulations to the champions from **Cobequid Educational Centre**: Players: John Hauser-Enriquez, Keigan MacLean, Sander Manley, Rick Pidgeon, Ella Porter, Rumana Rafiq, Ryan Terry, Phil White; Coach: Hans Budgey

New Brunswick Report

By Sean Newlands and Jonathan Logan
New Brunswick Provincial Coordinators

The 2012-2013 Reach for the Top season provided plenty of competition and camaraderie in New Brunswick.

Three invitational tournaments were held throughout the province during the season. At the first tournament, held at Nackawic High school, Kennebecasis Valley High School defeated Fredericton High School to win the Senior Division and Bernice MacNaughton High School defeated Kennebecasis Valley High School in the Intermediate Final.

The second tournament took place at Kennebecasis Valley High School in December. Kennebecasis Valley High School #1 defeated Kennebecasis Valley High School #2 in the Senior Final and Kennebecasis Valley High School #3 defeated Bernice MacNaughton High School in the Intermediate Final. A Grade 9-10 only division was also created for this tournament. Bernice MacNaughton High School defeated Kennebecasis Valley in the Final.

Fredericton High School hosted the third tournament of the year in February. Fredericton High School emerged victorious in the Senior Division, with a win over Kennebecasis Valley High School. In the Intermediate Division Final, Hampton High School defeated Kennebecasis Valley High School.

A tournament planned for March at Bernice MacNaughton High School in Moncton was cancelled due to the death of a family member of the tournament organizer. A tournament scheduled for early April at St. Malachy's High School in Saint John was cancelled due to a snow storm.

The Provincial Championship Tournament was hosted by Fredericton High School on April 27. **Kennebecasis Valley High School was victorious over**

Fredericton High School in the Senior Championship Game. Kennebecasis Valley High School #2 defeated Kennebecasis Valley High School #1 in the Grade 11-12 Intermediate Division. Kennebecasis Valley High School #1 defeated Kennebecasis Valley High School #2 in the Grade 9-10 Intermediate Final.

Thank-you to all the coaches/advisors, tournament organizers, volunteer quizmasters, parents and especially to the players for another successful season of Reach for the Top in New Brunswick. We are all looking forward to another exciting season of Reach for the Top in New Brunswick next year. Have a wonderful summer vacation. See you in the fall.

Congratulations to champions from **Kennebecasis Valley H.S.:** Players: Sam Cookson, Sarah Hirtle, Aaron McPhee, Jack O'Connor, Liam Houlahan, Patrick Rogers, Alexis Lamontagne, Adam Eagles; Coaches Jason Thorne, Sarah Badger



Quebec Report

By **Emille Richer,**
Quebec Provincial Co-ordinator

It was another exciting Schoolreach competition in Québec this year. Lower Canada College, coached by Maureen Webster, came out on top for the second year in a row with a playoff victory over regular season champions Marianopolis College.

Rank	Team	W	L	PF	PA	Diff.
1	Marianopolis	6	1	2500	1310	+1190
2	Dawson College	5	2	1860	1430	+430
3	Lower Canada College	5	2	1680	1400	+280
4	Royal West Academy	3	4	1920	1870	+50
5	Westmount High school	1	6	1000	1930	-930
6	Trafalgar School for Girls	1	6	890	2000	-1110

I would like to highlight the following individuals/schools for the contributions that they made this year, allowing for yet another successful year of Schoolreach in Québec:

- Dawson College, for providing funding for the league and playing host to many regular season and playoff games, in particular, thank you Raymond Boucher of Student Services.
- Laine Frajberg and Alan Greig, our volunteer judges
- Daniel Lavoie, our buzzer system repair man
- Robert Lavoie and Westmount High School, for hosting many regular season games.



Congratulations to Lower Canada College:

Players: Andrew Hamilton, Maxwell Wiltzer, Zachary Dionisopoulos, Alex Wulkan, Zachary Rosen; Coach: Maureen Webster

Ontario Report

By **Pat Beecham-Cooper**
Ontario Finals Senior Judge

The Provincial Finals took place on May 11, 12, and 13 at Blessed John Paul II High School and the Scarborough Campus of the University of Toronto. 40 teams arrived from all across Ontario. These were the winners of their zone playoffs. There were several teams that had a long history at the Ontario Provincial Finals, but this year, we had several schools that were making their first appearance at the Finals. A warm welcome went out to all teams.

Saturday was a "get acquainted" day. Teams signed in to their residences on the Scarborough Campus, and after a short walk arrived at BJPII. They received their game packages, got instructions, set up buzzer systems and played two practice games, to get used to the procedures of changing rooms, reporting to the judges' table with results, and getting used to playing without their coaches present as the coaches were off judging another game. The 40 teams were divided into 5 - 8 team divisions.

After the practice round, they returned to residence and enjoyed an excellent banquet and an exciting and fun game of "True or False", conducted by Fraser Simpson, the coach of University of Toronto Schools

On Sunday, the tournament began for real. Each team played 7 games in a round robin tournament. The winner of each division, plus the next top 5 teams, based on: first, number of games won, then, highest score advanced to the Championship rounds the next day. There were some very exciting matches and close scores, but in the end, we did not have to have any sudden death snappers to break a tie.

On Monday, the Championships began. There were five games played, with the winners of the games and the highest scoring non-winner advancing to the quarter finals. The three game quarter final round sent the three winners and the highest scoring non-winner to the semi-finals. Then the two winners played for the Championship. The winner, Martingrove C.I. from Etobicoke; the second place team, PACE Academy from Richmond Hill and the third place team, University of Toronto Schools from Toronto all were invited to the National Finals to be held on May 23, 24, 25 at UTS Schools and U of T. It was a great tournament with many exciting games. Congratulations to all teams for great sportsmanship and a very successful tournament.

Many thanks to the Staff and volunteers from PJPII who ran quiz packs, helped guide students and helped out generally on Saturday: Coaches **Marylou David, David Concepcion** and **Chris Premdas**, and student volunteers **Ashley Laurente, Matthew Tulio, Dwight Sampson, Floyd Rojas, and Gabreil Garcia**. Thanks also to a wonderful production staff from the Reach Organization whose organization was remarkable. Special kudos to **Eric Novakovics** whose mind works in wonderful ways to figure out amazing schemes to get everything to work.

Thanks also to my co-judge, **Ravi Lall**, whose probing lawyer mind is such an asset on hard to determine challenges.

Congratulations to Martingrove C.I.:

Players: , Erik Christensen, Isaac Thiessen, Paul Kasinski, Kieran McQuattie, Mark Greig, Evan Yeung and Coach: Michael Goldberg



Manitoba Report

By John Martens
Manitoba Provincial Co-ordinator

It has been a pleasure working with all of the wonderful coaches in the Intermediate and Senior Reach regions this year. Filling in as provincial coordinator has allowed me to meet many of the teachers I would not normally see during the year, all of which seem to be dedicated to giving their teams a great trivia experience.

The Intermediate provincials were held in Carberry, Manitoba hosted by our former coordinator, Murray Karlicki. The parity amongst the top schools led to many close games (the majority of the games being decided by less than 4 questions). The finals proved to be no exception as Gray Academy bested Kelvin on the strength of a 40 point "who am I".

The Senior provincials saw St. Paul's defeat Vincent Massey (Wpg) in a surprise victory. Vincent Massey had gone 12-0 in regional play and 6-0 in the round robin to get to the finals. Although St. Paul's had suffered multiple losses en route to the finals, they managed to come through in the clutch. Having seen the provincials almost every year since 2000, I can honestly say that any one of a half-dozen teams could have come out on top this year.



Congratulations to the champions from **St. Paul's H.S.:** Players: Isaac Weldon, Kevin Doering, James Grimes, Mathieu Schwab; Coach: John Pundyk

Alberta Report

By Dave Rose,
Alberta Provincial Co-ordinator

Hello everyone from Alberta. We had a very entertaining set of provincial competitions the first of which was the senior division held on Saturday, April 9th at Bellerose Composite High School in St. Albert, Alberta. Brian Grant and the staff at Bellerose did a fantastic job of hosting the 12 senior teams consisting of two teams from **Old Scona** (Edmonton), **Webber Academy** (Calgary), **Bellerose**, (St. Albert) and **William E. Hay** (Stettler) and single teams from **Hunting Hills** (Red Deer), **Lacombe Composite** (Lacombe), **Strathcona Tweedsmuir School** (Okotoks) and **Ponoka Composite** (Ponoka). Unfortunately, the weather was not agreeable that day and two schools, William E. Hay and Hunting Hills were forced to turn back in the face of a nasty blizzard. One car ended up in a ditch but thankfully all players, coaches and parents returned home safely.

This year, Alberta expanded their senior tournament to 12 teams (in two pools of 6) and the playoffs included the top three from each pool. Following a 5 game round robin, the top three teams in Pool A were very close. Pool B was even closer as the 3rd and 4th place teams were separated by a single, tie breaking question. The semi finals involved teams from Bellerose, two from Old Scona and Webber Academy. The eventual Champion team, Old Scona 2 played a back and forth game with Webber and finally pulled away on the last 10 question snappers while Bellerose and Old Scona 1 came down to an appealed question, with Old Scona capturing the semi final. Playing in the Finals were two Old Scona teams while Bellerose played Webber in the Consolation final. After some deliberation and heavy thought, both Old Scona teams were invited to the National finals as well as the 3rd place team, Bellerose, who won a close, 30 point game over Webber Academy in the bronze final.

Congratulations to all senior teams for a great season and a very entertaining and exciting provincial final.

The junior and intermediate teams played off in Okotoks hosted at Strathcona Tweedsmuir school on April 26 and 27. We welcomed 10 intermediate and 10 junior teams to the very engaging tournament. The competition ran Friday night and Saturday morning culminating with the semi and final games around lunch time. Competitors, readers, judges and parents were treated to a buffet breakfast and the door prizes were plenty. Thanks to Frank Kores and the staff at STS for hosting such an awesome event!

The intermediate semi and finals were incredibly close. In one semi final, Webber Academy defeated the previously undefeated STS team by a single tie breaker question. The final was even closer as 2 appealed questions resulted in a tied score and the final game between Webber Academy and Old Scona was determined on the THIRD tiebreaker question. The bronze medal went to Strathcona Tweedsmuir who defeated Calmar.

The junior tournament was even more unpredictable with several teams ending up in tiebreakers in their games and in the standings. When all was said and done, Webber Academy defeated Calmar in the finals and St. Augustine (Ponoka) claimed third place over Strathcona Tweedsmuir.

We would also like to acknowledge the intermediate team from Hilltop (Whitecourt) and the junior team Ecole Plamondon (Plamondon) on being recognized as the most sportsmanlike teams in their respective levels.

Finally, the coaches and players of Alberta would like to acknowledge the contributions of **Chris Zarski** in Reach for the Top. This year, Chris

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stepped down as the Alberta Provincial Coordinator after over 25 years in that role. Her efforts and dedication to Reach for the Top in Alberta can never be adequately communicated in a mere "Thank you". With that in mind, Alberta now recognizes the senior (grade 12) player at the provincial tournament with the "Chris Zarski Award - Top Academic and Sportsmanlike Player". The first recipient was Ben Lukenchuk of Webber Academy. A heartfelt, "THANK YOU" to Chris Zarski on behalf of the Reach players and coaches of Alberta.

I would like to congratulate all the teams on a great season and recognize the teachers and coaches who give up their time at lunch, after-school and on weekends to make Reach For The Top such a success in Alberta. In my first year as provincial coordinator, I learned a great deal and met some amazing students, teachers, coaches, parents and volunteers.



Congratulations to **Old Scona H.S.** from Edmonton, Alberta. Madison Ricard, Ahmed Yali, Laura Senior, Steven Nguyen, Marjory Olsen, Cindy Qian; Davinder Mann, Gia Valacco, Sarah MacRae-Korobkov, Davis Lazowski, Christopher Chan; Coaches: Rishi Nair, Dee Elder

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Saskatchewan Report



Muenster High School (Jan Gray, coach) and Meadow Lake (Jordan Hansen, coach) played off for the Saskatchewan Provincial Finals.

Congratulations **Carpenter High School**, from Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan.
 Players: Meagan Zacharias, Kelty Oftedal, Rachel Dueck, Eric McCrimmon, Jesse Woodard, Gordon Gibson; Coach: Jordan Hansen

British Columbia Report

By Donna Choo
British Columbia Provincial Co-ordinator

The 2012-2013 season of B.C. Reach for the Top involved approximately 35 schools playing at the Senior and/or Junior/Intermediate level in interschool games and/or in the annual provincial tournaments.

On March 8th, the 2013 Junior/Intermediate Provincial Tournament was held at Templeton Secondary (Vancouver), where twenty-one school teams competed for the championship. Many thanks go to Kirsten Vance and her student volunteers for hosting and organizing this smoothly-run event.

The 2013 B.C. Intermediate Reach for the Top Champion is Burnaby North Secondary (Burnaby) who was awarded the school trophy and gold medal. Second place and silver medal went to St. George's School (Vancouver), and third place and bronze medal to Eric Hamber Secondary (Vancouver). Congratulations to all the teams and their coaches!

The 2013 B.C. Reach for the Top Provincial Championship (Senior level) was held on April 12th at Magee Secondary (Vancouver) and hosted by Kelly Hawbolt. Thank you to her student volunteers for all of their hard work during the competition which allowed for a well-run competition. The thirty-three schools that attended this tournament played an initial round of five games to rank the schools, with the sixteen highest scoring teams continuing to the championship rounds. The excitement and enthusiasm of the students was evident throughout the tournament as they competed. It was amazing to watch the players demonstrate their depth of knowledge and quickness of recall.

The 2013 B.C. Reach for the Top Provincial Champion is St. George's School (Vancouver), who received the school trophy and the gold medal. The silver medal went to Pearson College (Victoria) and the bronze medal to Sir Winston Churchill Secondary (Vancouver). Congratulations to all the players on the winning teams and to their coaches/sponsors!

St. George's School and Sir Winston Churchill Secondary were the two school teams representing B.C. at the 2013 Reach for the Top National Championship in Toronto. It was a memorable experience for all our players as they competed and socialized with other RFTT students from across Canada.

This has been a most successful and enjoyable year for Reach for the Top in B.C. Thank you to all the students, their parents, and the team coaches/sponsors for their continued commitment and interest in RFTT. We've had a lot of fun playing School Reach! See you next season.



Congratulations to the B.C. Champions **St. George's School** and team members: **Max Bedford, Alex Laing, Lucas Tai-MacArthur, Stephen Hao, Alastair Williams, Brett Dowling, Thomas Yang, Zach Hauser, and Stuart Warren**, and Coaches: **Sandra Gin, Tarah Feldman-Lloyd**

National Report

By Paul Russell,
Executive Director, The "Reach" Organization

This year, Provincial Champions travelled by plane, train and car from across Canada and converged in Downtown Toronto at the Chestnut Residence of the **University of Toronto** on Friday May 24, 2013.

On Saturday morning, after breakfast at the residence, teams made their way up town by subway or on foot to **University of Toronto Schools** in the city's Annex district. After a formal welcome and introductions in the Auditorium, a full round-robin tournament was conducted in the classrooms of the college. We were fortunate to have these articulate and patient readers and judges for the tournament: **Jennifer Beer, Noel Cooper, Alden Fong, Ian Greig, Patrick Harris, Jason Himsi, Rory O'Loughlin, Carol Pierce, Daniel Salisbury and Andy Saunders.**

On Sunday, the National Finals series began with quarter finals for the top eight teams from the previous day's Tournament. The remaining teams played a simultaneous consolation series. Every team had an opportunity to play on stage in the auditorium, answering rapid-fire questions from our tall and dashing 'Reach' quizmaster, **Ryan Vickers.** All of the activity was duly covered by photographers **James Bailey & Jag Gundu.**

Our thanks to our ever-alert judges for these games, **Patricia Beecham-Cooper** and **Ravi Lall.** Thanks also to U.T.S., our host school, and Fraser Simpson, the coach of the UTS team, for making us welcome.

The two Semi-Finals and the Championship game were played on Monday morning in the auditorium at UTS. The teams were evenly matched and every question was hotly contested. The final confrontation between Ontario and Alberta saw the victory go to the team from **University of Toronto Schools** over **Bellerose Composite High School.**

Following the final game, a Gala Buffet Lunch was held at the nearby **Faculty Club** on the University of Toronto campus. Medals and prizes and beaming winning faces from across the country were captured by flashing cameras and a final raffle saw more souvenirs go out to players.

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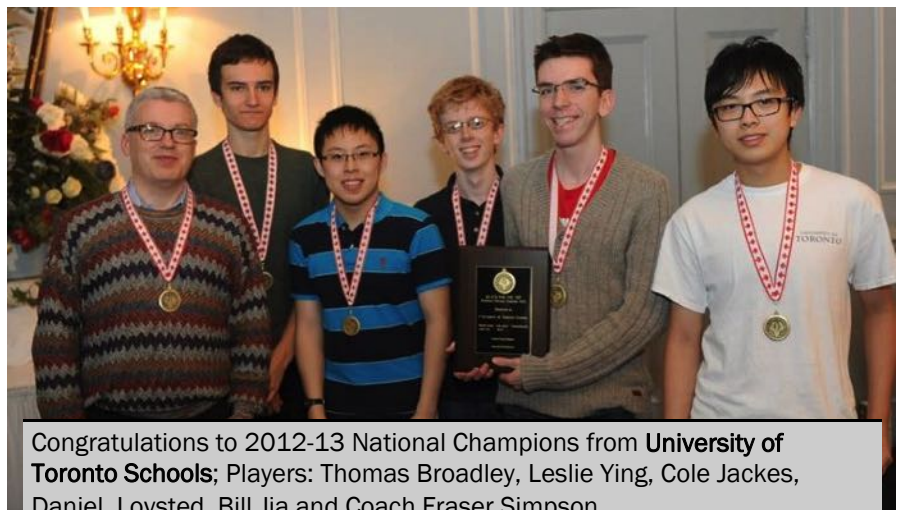
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The announcement of the four MVP's, as selected by a panel of Reach production staff, received enthusiastic applause. This year's 'Dream Team' consists of **Thomas Broadley (UTS)**, **Sander Manley (Cobequid)**, **David Rhodes (PACE)** and **Laura Senior (Old Scona)**.

And finally, every participating school was presented with a plaque commemorating the games, for public display at the school upon their return.



Both teams from **University of Toronto Schools** and **Bellerose Composite H.S.** share a moment before the National Finals



Congratulations to 2012-13 National Champions from **University of Toronto Schools**; Players: **Thomas Broadley**, **Leslie Ying**, **Cole Jackes**, **Daniel Lovsted**, **Bill Jia** and Coach **Fraser Simpson**

Nationals continued



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Reach MVPs:
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Laura Senior (Old Scona)
Thomas Broadley (UTS)
Sander Manley (Cobequid)