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**Subject: Congratulations & Thank you!**

Dear National Finals Finalists!

Congratulations to all of you for competing at the 2019 National Finals that concluded at MIT last night! You all did an amazing job and should be very proud of your performances. I know that you all put in a lot of hard work and sacrificed summer fun time to prepare for the finals. I hope you had fun at the finals and took the opportunity to explore the city of Boston!

All the winners who got to come up on stage and receive your trophies, congratulations on a job well done. The national finals is a very competitive stage where you are competing with the best of the best. Placing in the top 10 is very commendable!!

Parents, thank you for supporting your children and investing in their educational wellbeing! They could not have done this without you! Even though some of them might not have told you, I am sure they are very thankful for your support.

Thank you also for being patient while Pizza delivery was delayed during Friday dinner or when registrations were delayed on Saturday morning due to locked classrooms. Thank you for being respectful to our volunteers throughout the event and pitching in to help us out sometimes too. Thanks to the tireless efforts of over 400 volunteers, our teams were able to complete all contests and award ceremonies on time!

And finally, as I promised this young man...

*In the town of Derby Line, Vermont, which is at the US-Canada border, there is an interesting building called the Haskell Free Library and Opera House. The opera stage is in Canada (in Stanstead), but the opera seats are in the US (in Derby Line).*

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Thank you! Hope you all reached your homes safely and enjoy the rest of your summer!

*Savitha Rajiv  
Convener, 2019 National Finals  
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