



Harmony School of Excellence Team Solves 25 2x2 Rubik's Cubes in less than 2 minutes – Earns Elite Team Status

School's solo competitors also solve single cube in record time – Best in State

Houston, Texas – June 20, 2019 – The blistering speeds of the Harmony School of Excellence Tigers³ Rubik's® Cube team, and solo competitors, Mark E. and Shreyas R. have earned them Elite Team and Elite Cuber status, as well as top rankings in the *You CAN Do the Rubik's Cube Speed League*.

The team - including Mark, Shreyas, and their teammates Sohan K., Johan B., Catalina L., and Jade C. - solved 25 2x2 Rubik's Cubes in 1:30 (one minute, thirty seconds) at the Houston Spring 2019 Rubik's Cube Challenge. During the solo portion of the competition, Mark and Shreyas each solved a single 2x2 Rubik's Cube in 4.3 and 4.4 seconds, respectively.

The Tigers³ team ranks 3rd in Texas among Division 2 (grades 6-8) teams. Mark ranks 1st in the state and 2nd nationally among elementary school students. Shreyas ranks 1st in the state alongside Johan who ranks 5th among middle school students who competed at *You CAN Do the Rubik's Cube* competitions during the 2018/19 school year.

"I was always in awe watching the Tigers³ during practice – their intensity and speed while solving was mind-blowing. I am very proud of their dedication and teamwork – I feel honored to be a part of their squad." said Coach Dana Farrar.

During the timed competition, teams of up to eight students worked collectively to solve 25 Rubik's Cubes in the fastest time. Members of teams who can solve the cube in under two minutes were invited to compete in solo events to solve one cube in the fastest time.

The Speed League is the national leaderboard of the fastest elementary, middle, and high school teams as well as solo competitors in the U.S. who have solved the Rubik's Cube during *You CAN Do the Rubik's Cube* competitions. The leaderboard shows the rank, school and time of the fastest teams and solo competitors. Results can be filtered by event, state, date, and/or division (kindergarten through fifth grade - Division 1, sixth through eighth grade - Division 2, and ninth through twelfth grade - Division 3).

Visit YouCanDoTheCube.com for Speed League results and to learn more about participating in or hosting a competition.

About Harmony School of Excellence - Houston

Harmony School of Excellence is a charter school located in Houston, Texas. The campus has earned numerous distinctions from the Texas Education Agency and has been honored both as the #1 elementary charter school in Houston and 5th in Texas by Niche as well as named as an Honor Roll recipient by ERP.

About You CAN Do the Rubik's Cube

You CAN Do the Rubik's Cube is an educational outreach program that provides resources and support to schools and youth organizations to teach STEM/STEAM standards and 21st century skills by using the Rubik's Cube. Since the program's launch in 2008, more than 25,000 teachers and millions of students have benefitted from *You CAN Do the Rubik's Cube* enrichment activities.

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The Harmony School of Excellence - Houston Tigers³ Rubik's Cube Speed League team earned the Elite Team award for their 3rd-ranked team time at the *You CAN Do the Rubik's Cube* Houston competition in April. Pictured from left: Claudette VanRavenstein (event coordinator), Mark E., Shreyas R., Sohan K., Jade C., Dana Farrar (coach), Johan B., and Catalina L.