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Team USA Earns Two Gold, Three Silver, and Three Bronze Medals at the 2026 International Olympiad in Artificial Intelligence

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Astana, Kazakhstan - Eight students representing the United States earned two gold medals, three silver medals, and three bronze medals at the 2026 International Olympiad in Artificial Intelligence (IOAI), held August 2-8 in Astana, Kazakhstan.

Every member of Team USA earned a medal. All eight students were selected through the 2026 USA-North America AI Olympiad and represented the United States in the international competition.

Team USA Medalists

Gold Medals

- Feodor Yevtushenko
- Jerry Zhang

Silver Medals

- Dale Liu
- Kaden Wu
- Bryan Zhu

Bronze Medals

- Zooey Lan
- Santosh Patapati
- Andy Zhang

Team USA Delegation

- **Zooey Lan** - rising sophomore, The Harker School, San Jose, California
- **Dale Liu** - rising senior, Lynbrook High School, San Jose, California
- **Santosh Patapati** - rising senior, Panther Creek High School, Frisco, Texas
- **Kaden Wu** - rising junior, Canyon Crest Academy, San Diego, California
- **Feodor Yevtushenko** - incoming MIT freshman; University High School, Irvine, California
- **Andy Zhang** - rising senior, BASIS Independent Fremont, Fremont, California
- **Jerry Zhang** - rising senior, South Pasadena High School, Pasadena, California
- **Bryan Zhu** - incoming MIT freshman; Bellevue Senior High School, Bellevue, Washington

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USAAIO is dedicated to organizing K-12 AI Olympiad contests, selecting and training Team USA for international AI competitions, and encouraging students to gain knowledge of artificial intelligence while developing the skills to use, understand, and improve AI systems.



Team USA celebrates its medal-winning performance at the International Olympiad in Artificial Intelligence in Astana, Kazakhstan. Photo courtesy of USAAIO.



Team USA with U.S. representatives at the 2026 IOAI in Astana. Source: U.S. Embassy in Kazakhstan Instagram.



Team USA participates in an artificial intelligence discussion at American Corner Astana. Source: American Corner Astana Instagram.