



CALIFORNIA ACADEMIC DECATHLON

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5 California Academic Decathlon Teams Advance to the National Championships

SACRAMENTO — Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) Granada Hills Charter High School today won the 2013 California Academic Decathlon. The team scored 56,165.50 points out of 65,400 possible, earning the school the state title this year. Members of the winning team Jae Kyung Chong, Seung Woo Baek, Hamidah Mahmud (Honor Students); Kimberly Ly, Kelley Ma, Kailin Li (Scholastic Students); Dayoung Kim, Faria Ghori, Beatrice Dimaunahan (Varsity Students); and coaches Matt Arnold, Spencer Wolf, and Nick Weber.

El Camino Real Charter High School placed second in the 2013 California Academic Decathlon. The team scored 55,669.50 points, earning the school second place. Members of the team Ranbir Dhillon, Jacob Hehir, Johnathan Yih (Honor Students); Jenny Chi, Brennan Lincoln, Melissa Ngu (Scholastic Students); Peter Do, Tyler Wong, Julian Zano (Varsity Students); and coach Stephanie Franklin.

Both nine-member teams will represent the state of California and pursue the state's tenth consecutive national title at the 32nd Annual United States Academic Decathlon Championship, scheduled April 25–27, 2013, in Minneapolis, MN.

In addition to Granada Hill's and El Camino Real's victories, Franklin High/LAUSD received the Large School title with 54,456.10, Campolindo High /Contra Costa received the Medium School title with 42,994.8 and University High/Fresno received the Small School title with 48,357.5 points. All three high schools will be eligible to compete in the United States Academic Decathlon On-line National Competitions taking place in April.

In Super Quiz, Franklin/LAUSD High finished first with 4,725 points out of 5,400 points possible. Granada Hills Charter High and El Camino Real Charter High tied for second with 4,575 points out of 5,400 points possible. John Marshall High/LAUSD, Olympian High/San Diego, and Chaffey High/San Bernardino all finished third with 4,500 points.



The winners were announced before an enthusiastic crowd at the 2013 California Academic Decathlon's award ceremony at the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium.

Rounding out the top 10 scoring teams were Franklin (54,456.1), John Marshall (53,798.6), Beverly Hills/Los Angeles (53,547.3), Olympian (49,525.4), Chaffey (48,979.4), University (48,357.5), Edison/Fresno (48,241.30), and Casa Grande/Sonoma (47,239.6).

The state competition is divided into three divisions based on their regional score: Division I (top 10 highest scoring teams), Division II (next top 20 highest scoring teams), and Division III (next top 31 highest scoring teams). The format allows teams to compete with other teams of similar scores for individual honor in ten various subjects. Furthermore, it gives emerging counties the opportunity to experience a state championship and a chance for their decathletes to attain medals for their achievement at a level of competition that best fits their team's ability.

In all, 566 students representing 65 high school teams from across the state competed in this year's California Academic Decathlon. Teams are comprised of three Honor students (3.75 and above GPA), three Scholastic students (3.00-3.74 GPA), and three Varsity students (2.99 GPA and below).

California has won the last ten national titles and has won fifteen national titles in the past 18 years of national competition. In 31 years of national competition, California has placed first or second every year but one.

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