CALIFORNIA ACADEMIC DECATHLON

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The California Academic Decathlon (CAD) finished its State Competition and held its awards on Sunday, March 20, 2016. Since the scores for 2nd and 3rd place were so close (24.2 points difference), a recheck of subjective scores were conducted.

It's with great regret CAD informed both teams after further review following the awards, CAD noticed a subjective score of one of Marshall's students had been omitted, but not reported as such by the United States Academic Decathlon (USAD) scoring software, resulting in an incomplete score for the student in one event. After scanning the score, it brought the student's score up and moved Marshall into 2nd place with 59,224.1 points, moving Franklin down to 3rd with 59,133.3 points; a 90.8 points difference.

We have raised this software issue with USAD. We appealed to the USAD to allow both teams to participate in the Virtual Large School Online Competition. The USAD reviewed and denied our appeal.

It's with great sadness knowing the impact this makes on teams, schools, its communities and the larger CAD organization and we are very sorry the error was not found before the awards celebration began.

Sincerely,

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