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### **TEAMS BATTLE IT OUT AT THE NORTH BAY ACADEMIC DECATHLON**

FAIRFIELD — Nearly 300 students from 15 high schools across Napa, Solano, Sonoma, and Yolo Counties battled it out on January 26 and will continue battling it out on February 2, 2019 in the North Bay Region's Academic Decathlon at Solano Community College, 4000 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield, CA 94534.

The Academic Decathlon is a competitive event modeled after the Olympics to stimulate academic achievement and honor "athletes of the mind." The competition provides students the opportunity to participate in an educational forum, which fosters a deep respect for knowledge, cooperation, and self-esteem. The theme of this year's Academic Decathlon contest is "The 1960s: A Transformational Decade."

"The Academic Decathlon provides enriching educational experiences that combine the relevant study of cultural and critical topics with strong reasoning and interpersonal skills," expresses Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson. "The emphasis is on the personal growth of each student, who, by meeting the challenges with hard work and commitment, reaps the rewards of greater self-knowledge and self-confidence."

Teams participating in this year's competition include: Dixon High School of Dixon Unified School District (USD); Armijo, Fairfield, and Rodriguez High Schools of Fairfield-Suisun USD; Vanden High School of Travis USD; Buckingham Charter High School of Vacaville USD; Jesse Bethel High School, MIT Academy, and Vallejo High School of Vallejo City USD; Maria Carrillo High School of Santa Rosa City Schools District; Casa Grande High School and Petaluma High School of Petaluma City Schools District; American Canyon High School of Napa Valley USD; Davis Senior High School of Davis Joint USD; and River City High School of Washington USD.

There are three days of regional competition this year. The first day of competition took place on December 4 and featured an online essay writing competition. The Second day was Saturday, January 26, and featured online testing at various schools throughout Napa, Solano, Sonoma, and Yolo Counties. Tests included: Art, Economics, Literature, Mathematics, Music, Science, and Social Science. The final day is scheduled for Saturday, February 2, and will feature speeches and interviews in the morning followed by the popular Super Quiz—the only event open to the public (other than the awards ceremony) at 3:30 PM in the Solano Community College gymnasium.

The awards ceremony will be held at 5:15 PM on Saturday, February 2, in the Solano Community College gymnasium and will include an announcement of the teams that will be advancing to the California Academic Decathlon to be held in Sacramento on March 21-24, 2019. The California champion will advance to the United States Academic Decathlon set for April 25-27 in Bloomington, Minnesota.

For more information about the Academic Decathlon, please contact Ken Scarberry at 707-646-7603 or [kscarberry@solanocoe.net](mailto:kscarberry@solanocoe.net).

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