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Local Academic Decathlon Teams Advance to State Competition

FAIRFIELD, CA — Results are in from the 2021 Bay Regional Academic Decathlon, hosted by Solano County Office of Education. This year, over 240 students from 15 high schools across 11 counties (Solano, Alameda, Contra Costa, Imperial, Lake, Mendocino, Napa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Sonoma and Yolo) participated in the Bay Region's Academic Decathlon, held virtually.

The Academic Decathlon is a ten-event scholastic competition for teams of high school decathletes. The ten events include comprehensive written exams in art, economics, language and literature, mathematics, music, social science and science. Decathletes also deliver prepared and impromptu speeches, write an essay and communicate through a conversational interview.

The Academic Decathlon is designed to include decathletes from all academic backgrounds. A team consists of decathletes in 9th-12th grades from the same high school. Each team competes in three team categories, Honor, Scholastic, and Varsity, all based upon grade point average. Each decathlete competes in all ten events with fellow decathletes of comparable grade point average.

“Academic Decathlon fosters a deep respect for knowledge, cooperation, and self-esteem for students. This competitive event stimulates academic achievement and honors ‘athletes of the mind’ while providing an enriching educational experience with an emphasis on personal growth,” said Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson.

Campolindo High School, Acalanes Unified High School District, Contra Costa County, took first place at Regionals, with 40,641 points; Vanden High School, Travis Unified School District, Solano County, came in second with 38,244 points and Davis Senior High School, Davis Joint Unified School District, Yolo County, finished third, scoring 36,614 points. The winning school from each county will compete virtually in the 44th California Academic Decathlon later in March.

Schools moving on to the statewide competition include: Vanden High School (Solano County), Piedmont High School (Alameda County), Campolindo High School (Contra Costa County), South West High School (Imperial County), Upper Lake High School (Lake County), Willits High School (Mendocino County), American Canyon High School (Napa County), Menlo-Atherton High School (San Mateo County), BASIS Independent Silicon Valley (Santa Clara County), Casa Grande High School (Sonoma County) and Davis Senior High School (Yolo County).

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