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016-029: Academic Decathlon Results

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Results of 35th Annual San Joaquin County Academic Decathlon Announced

Tracy High School takes first place, overall, in competition that drew teams from 12 county high schools

More than 380 students from 12 high schools in San Joaquin County took part in the 35th Annual Academic Decathlon. The competition took place over two weeks, with students on Jan. 30 engaging in the speech and interview contests at the San Joaquin County Office of Education. On Feb. 6, the competitors moved to Lathrop High School, where students showcased their knowledge of art, economics, literature, mathematics, music, science, and social science in a series of tests. The decathlon culminated with the Super Quiz: a high-energy event held in front of a cheering crowd packed inside the Lathrop High Large Gym. Each year, all the decathlon events are tied together with a single theme. This year, the theme was India.

Schools can field multiple teams, but only one Division I team can compete from each school. Each nine-member team consists of three students in each of three categories, based on grade point average: Honors (3.75 – 4.0+), Scholastic (3.0 – 3.74), and Varsity (0.0 – 2.99).

DIVISION I AWARDS

Top Overall Teams

(received plaques)

Top Overall School: Tracy High School, Tracy Unified School District

Tracy High School received the Dave Sorgent Winner's Cup and will compete at the Academic Decathlon State Championship in Sacramento, California in March.

2nd place overall: Middle College High School, Lodi Unified School District

3rd place overall: Manteca High School, Manteca Unified School District

Overall Top-Scoring Student:

Hamza Raniwala, Tracy High School

(Received \$1000 Walter Rathhaus Award, provided by Premier Community Credit Union and the SJCOE Educational Foundation)

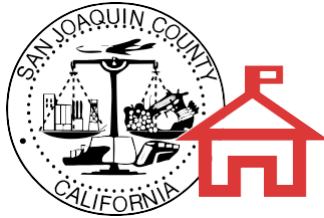
Top Three Super Quiz Teams

(Received individual medals and a team plaque)

1st (tie): Manteca High School, Manteca Unified School District

1st (tie): Tracy High School, Tracy Unified School District

2nd: Middle College High School, Lodi Unified School District



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Top Overall Students by Category:

(received medals, certificates, and scholarships)

Honors

- (\$500) 1st: Hamza Raniwala, Tracy High School
(\$200) 2nd: Surya Nehra, Tracy High School
(\$100) 3rd: Julien Belen, Middle College High School

Scholastic

- (\$500) 1st: Ayman Baydoun, Tracy High School
(\$200) 2nd: Rahul Chumber, Middle College High School
(\$100) 3rd: Joshua Blomgren, Tracy High School

Varsity

- (\$500) 1st: Praveen Jose, Manteca High School
(\$200) 2nd: Max Terribery, Middle College School
(\$100) 3rd: Daniel Wirtley, Tracy High School

University of the Pacific awarded three renewable \$5,000 scholarships to the following deserving decathletes who have met the university requirements and have shown a strong desire to attend the university:

Vivianna Araiza, Stockton Early College Academy
Helen Vo, Middle College High School
Rida Fatima, Ronald E. McNair High School

Below is an example of a 2015 Super Quiz question:

Before the import of Indian cotton, most Europeans had access only to what fabrics?

- a. silk and wool
- b. linen and wool
- c. tapestry weave
- d. chintz and gingham
- e. linen and damask

Correct answer is: linen and wool (b.).

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