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017-028: Academic Decathlon Results

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Results of 36th 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 350 students from 12 high schools in San Joaquin County took part in the 36th Annual Academic Decathlon hosted by the San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJC OE). The competition began with students engaging in speech and interview contests at the SJC OE on Jan. 28. On Feb. 4, the competition moved to Lathrop High School, where competitors showcased their knowledge of art, economics, literature, mathematics, music, science, and social science in a series of tests, culminating in the high-energy Super Quiz. Each year, all the decathlon events are tied together with a single theme. This year, the theme was World War II.

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 medals and 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 State Academic Decathlon Championship in Sacramento, March 23-26.

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

3rd place overall: Stockton Early College Academy (SECA), Stockton Unified School District

Overall Top-Scoring Student:

Surya Nehra, Tracy High School, Tracy Unified School District

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

Top Three Super Quiz Teams

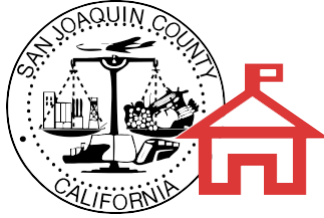
(Received individual medals and a team plaque)

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

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2nd: Tracy High School, Tracy Unified School District

3rd: TLC-Millennium High School, Tracy Unified School District



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Top Overall Students by Category:

(received medals, certificates, and scholarships)

Honors

- (\$500) 1st: Surya Nehra, Tracy High School
(\$200) 2nd: Nathan Tran, Tracy High School
(\$100) 3rd: Trinity Rico, Middle College High School

Scholastic

- (\$500) 1st: Isaias Mata, Manteca High School
(\$200) 2nd: Ian Balogh, Millennium High School
(\$100) 3rd: Shaohua Huang, Stockton Early College Academy (SECA)

Varsity

- (\$500) 1st: Kryz Goc ong, Tracy High School
(\$200) 2nd: Carlos Serrano, Lathrop High School
(\$100) 3rd: Max Terriberly, Middle College High School

University of the Pacific awarded five 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:

1. Michelle Fernando-Kammalage, Middle College High School, Lodi Unified
2. Guadalupe Reyes, Ronald E. McNair High School, Lodi Unified
3. Michael Stallworth, Ronald E. McNair, Lodi Unified
4. Justin Barber, Lathrop High School, Manteca Unified
5. Paul Ho, Middle College High School, Lodi Unified

Below is an example of a 2017 Super Quiz question:

Which country also researching the atomic bomb provided encouragement to the USA's initial efforts?

- a. Canada
- b. France
- c. USSR
- d. Korea
- e. Great Britain

Correct answer is: Great Britain (e.).

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