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015-020: SJC 34th Annual Academic Decathlon Results

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SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY STUDENTS SHOWCASE KNOWLEDGE AT ACADEMIC DECATHLON

Manteca High takes first-place overall at 34th Annual San Joaquin County Academic Decathlon

Excitement was in the air at the 34th Annual Academic Decathlon Competition, held January 31 and February 7, 2015, at the San Joaquin County Office of Education and Lathrop High School. Competing were 12 San Joaquin County high schools. The 2015 theme is New Alternatives in Energy. The Decathlon included essay, interview, and speech competitions, objective tests in art, economics, language/literature, math, music, social science, science, and a high-energy Super Quiz.

Three divisions of scholars per nine member team:

- 3 Honors (3.75-4.0+)
- 3 Scholastic (3.00-3.74)
- 3 Varsity (0.00-2.99)

DIVISION I AWARDS

Top Overall Teams

(received plaques)

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

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

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

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

Overall Top-Scoring Student:

Zachary Benjamin, Middle College
(Received \$1000 Walter Rathhaus Award)

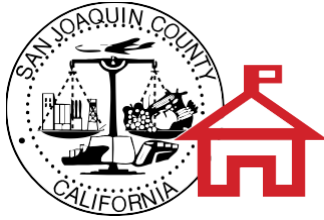
Top Three Super Quiz Teams

(Received individual medals and a team plaque)

1st: Middle College, Lodi Unified School District

2nd: Manteca High School, Manteca Unified School District

3rd: Stockton Early College Academy, Stockton Unified School District



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Top Overall Students by:

(received medals certificates, & scholarships)

Honors

- (\\$500) 1st: Zachary Benjamin, Middle College
(\\$200) 2nd: Jessica Tang, Manteca High
(\\$100) 3rd: Hamza Raniwala, Tracy High

Scholastic

- (\\$500) 1st: Emerald Frank, Stockton Early College Academy
(\\$200) 2nd: Ilias Lopez-Corona, Middle College
(\\$100) 3rd: Kansas Seung, Stockton Early College Academy

Varsity

- (\\$500) 1st: Dylan Vega, Manteca High
(\\$200) 2nd: Aaron Singh, Manteca High
(\\$100) 3rd: Alexandria Gilligan, Stockton Early College Academy

University of the Pacific awarded 5 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:

Carina Lopez, Lincoln High
Brandon Bongcaron, McNair High
Kelly Jamie Chesbrough, Millennium High
Mahir Pepic, Manteca High
Lisa Ngyuwen, Chavez High

Below is an example of a 2015 Super Quiz question:

New cars sold in the U.S. required to improve the fleet average fuel economy by 2025 to how many miles per gallon?

- a. 36
- b. 44
- c. 54.5
- d. 74.5
- e. 100

Correct answer is: c. 54.5