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018-023: Academic Decathlon Results

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Results of 37th Annual San Joaquin County Academic Decathlon Announced

Tracy High School takes first in competition that drew teams from 11 county high schools

Approximately 300 students from 11 high schools in San Joaquin County took part in the 37th Annual Academic Decathlon, held by the San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE). The competition began with students engaging in speech and interview contests at the SJCOE on Jan. 27. On Feb. 3, 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 Africa.

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).

Photos of top-scoring teams at <http://bit.ly/2s7Xj6Z>.

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 Sargent 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, Stockton Unified School District

Overall Top-Scoring Student:

Surya Nehra, Tracy High School, Tracy Unified School District
(Received \$1,000 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: Middle College High School, Lodi Unified School District

2nd: Tracy High School, Tracy Unified School District

3rd: Mountain House High School, Lammersville Unified School District



Top Overall Students by Category:

(received medals, certificates, and scholarships)

Honors

- (\$500) 1st: Surya Nehra, Tracy High School
(\$200) 2nd: De'Angelo Caldera, Manteca High School
(\$100) 3rd: Trinity Rico, Middle College High School

Scholastic

- (\$500) 1st: Sarah Lee, Middle College High School
(\$200) 2nd: Runvir Chouhan, Manteca High School
(\$100) 3rd: Megan Kan, Middle College High School

Varsity

- (\$500) 1st: Kryz Tyrone Goc-ong, Tracy High School
(\$200) 2nd: Logan Samoy, Stockton Early College Academy
(\$100) 3rd: Bryan Sunglao, 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. Simran Grewal, Tracy High School, Tracy Unified
2. Kenneth Nguyen, Middle College High School, Lodi Unified
3. Rahila Shah, Ronald E. McNair High School, Lodi Unified

Below is an example of a 2018 Super Quiz question:

What term is used to describe the two-part song structure imported from Cuba to the Congo during the 1940s and 1950s?

- a. Bossa nova
- b. Son
- c. OK Jazz
- d. Tin Pan Alley song form
- e. Twelve-bar blues

Correct answer is: Son (b).

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