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023-014: Academic Decathlon Results

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**Results of 42nd Annual San Joaquin County Academic Decathlon Announced**

*Middle College High School takes first in competition that drew teams from 14 county high schools*

Students from 14 high schools in San Joaquin County took part in the 42nd Annual Academic Decathlon, held by the San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE).

The competition began with the online essay event on Jan. 18, with online essays and objective testing. The competition's objective testing events continued virtually on Jan. 24-26, where competitors showcased their knowledge of art, economics, literature, mathematics, music, science, and social science. On Feb. 4, the teams took part in the Super Quiz competition and awards ceremony at Lathrop High School. Each year, all the decathlon events are tied together with a single theme. This year, the theme was The American Revolution.

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: **Middle College High School, Lodi Unified School District**

Middle College High School received the Dave Sorgent Winner's Cup and will compete in the State Academic Decathlon Championship.

2nd place overall: Tracy High School, Tracy Unified School District

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

**Overall Top-Scoring Student:**

John Mathews, Middle College High School, Lodi Unified School District

*(Received \$1,000 Walter Rathaus Award, provided by 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: Stockton Early College Academy, Stockton 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: John Mathews, Middle College High School, Lodi Unified School District  
(\$200) 2nd: Jordan Prawira, Mountain House High School, Lammersville Unified School District  
(\$100) 3rd: Isaac Mathews, Middle College High School, Lodi Unified School District

Scholastic

- (\$500) 1st: Jonathan Soto-Reyes, Stockton Early College Academy, Stockton Unified School District  
(\$200) 2nd: Mikaela Reyes, Middle College High School, Lodi Unified School District  
(\$100) 3rd: Dashalena Sieng, Stockton Early College Academy, Stockton Unified School District

Varsity

- (\$500) 1st: Alexandra Carrillo, Middle College High School, Lodi Unified School District  
(\$200) 2nd: Vincent Fong, Millennium Charter High School  
(\$100) 3rd: Cameron Rossi, Tracy High School, Tracy Unified School District

**Scholarship winners:**

University of the Pacific awarded two 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. John Mathews, Middle College High School, Lodi Unified School District
2. Lijuan Barnes, McNair High School, Lodi Unified School District

**Below is an example of a 2023 Super Quiz question:**

Why was 1721 a milestone for Regular Singing advocates?

- a. Congregational singing improved dramatically
- b. Naysayers agreed to the method
- c. Two instruction books were published
- d. Singing instructors were everywhere
- e. The Usual Way was obsolete.

Correct answer: C. Two instruction books were published

Photos available for media use at <https://bit.ly/SJCAcaDec2023>.

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