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**VOLUNTEERS ARE A MAJOR FACTOR
BEHIND THE ON-GOING SUCCESS OF THE
CALIFORNIA ACADEMIC DECATHLON PROGRAM**

MARCH 13 - 14 | SACRAMENTO

SACRAMENTO - The 31st Annual California Academic Decathlon (CAD) will be held in Sacramento March 13 -14, 2010. Sixty high school teams, which include some of the top scholars in the state, will compete for the 2010 state title.

On Competition Day, volunteers are needed to officiate and assist with all Decathlon events. Community members are utilized as test proctors and guides, speech, interview and essay judges, and Super Quiz proctors. It takes over 500 volunteers each year to coordinate the State Competition.

The Academic Decathlon is a competitive event modeled after the Olympics by stimulating academic achievement and honoring "athletes of the mind." The competition provides students the opportunity to participate in an educational forum, which fosters a deep respect for knowledge, cooperation, and self-esteem.

Like the decathlon of the ancient Greeks, the Academic Decathlon consists of ten exacting and exciting events. But, while the Greek events were contests of physical strength, the Academic Decathlon is a contest of academic strength. The Academic Decathlon includes tests in *Art, Music, Language and Literature, Mathematics, Economics, Science, and Social Science*. In addition, there are communication tests that include the writing of an essay, the delivery of a prepared and an impromptu speech, and an interview.

Encourage and support your local academic athletes for their hard work by volunteering one or multiple days of your time at the Academic Decathlon.

For questions regarding the Academic Decathlon contact Ken Scarberry at (707) 646-7603 or e-mail at kscarberry@solanocoe.net.

Visit the California Academic Decathlon website at www.academicdecathlon.org.

If you are ready to sign up complete a Volunteer Interest Form by going to <http://academicdecathlon.org/volunteer/Default.htm> !

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