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31ST ANNUAL CALIFORNIA ACADEMIC DECATHLON STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MARCH 12 – 15, 2010 | SACRAMENTO

Sacramento, California, March 10, 2010 – Over 500 high school students will compete in Sacramento on March 12-15 at the 31st Annual California Academic Decathlon State Championship presented by Northrop Grumman Corporation.

Sixty-two schools from 42 counties will compete. Each team has three “A” students, three “B” students, and three “C” students. There are ten academic events that include Art, Music, Language & Literature, Social Science, Science, Mathematics, Economics, Speech, Interview and Essay.

Based in Los Angeles and a leader in global security, Northrop Grumman Corporation is sponsoring this competition. The company is a supporter of local schools and of partnerships that enhance the quality of education and improve academic performance.

“During these difficult financial times, we are extremely excited and thankful to have Northrop Grumman Corporation’s generous financial support and commitment to our program and mission of encouraging, acknowledging and rewarding academic excellence in all California high schools,” said Tom Vincent, President of the Board for the California Academic Decathlon. “It is an honor to have them as our presenting sponsor and we look forward to working with them for many years to come.”

It is estimated that over 10,000 students from over 500 public and private high schools participate in the California Academic Decathlon each year. Since the national competition began in 1982, California has performed in a superior manner, winning 16 national titles and posting 11 second place finishes. California has remained the national champions for the past seven years.

The California Academic Decathlon is a statewide, non-profit organization that promotes an educational experience by providing a format in which teams of nine high school students compete in academic events. All California public and private high schools are eligible to compete. The Academic Decathlon embodies a partnership of business, foundations and individuals in cooperation with the education community and county offices of education.

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