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**EL CAMINO REAL HIGH SCHOOL WINS
2010 CALIFORNIA ACADEMIC DECATHLON**

SACRAMENTO — Los Angeles Unified School District's El Camino High School today won the 2010 California Academic Decathlon. The team scored 50,590.1 points out of 60,000 possible, earning the school the state title this year.

Members of the winning team are Vivian Cheng, Daniel de Haas, Evan Edmisten, Andrew Fann, Audrey Goldbaum, Jessica Lin, Daniel Moreh, Adriana Ureche, Michael Walker and coaches John Dalsass and Stephanie Franklin.

The nine-member team will represent the state of California and defend its seven consecutive national titles at the 29th Annual United States Academic Decathlon Competition, scheduled April 21 - 24, in Omaha, Nebraska.

In addition to El Camino Real's victory, Marshall High/Los Angeles Unified School District received the Large School title with 50,029.8, St. Francis High/Southern California Private Schools with 41,344.4 and University High/Fresno County with 47,443.7 points. All three high schools will be eligible to compete in the United States Academic Decathlon On-line National Competitions taking place in April.

In Super Quiz, Marshall High School finished first with 5,695 points out of 6,000 points possible. Edison High School/Fresno County finished second with 5,660 points and University High School finished third with 5,590 points.

The winners were announced before an enthusiastic crowd at the 2010 California Academic Decathlon's award ceremony at the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium.

Rounding out the top 10 scoring teams were Marshall/LAUSD (50,029.8), Granada Hills Charter/LAUSD (49,120.1), Edison/Fresno (48,185.9), University/Fresno (47,443.7), West/Los Angeles (46,352.9), Bishop Alemany/Southern California Private (44,098.9), Chaffey/San Bernardino (42,879.3), Mark Keppel/Los Angeles (42,667.5) and Hallmark/Fresno (42,593.0).

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The state competition is divided into three divisions based on their regional score: Division I (top 20 highest scoring teams), Division II (next top 20 highest scoring teams), and Division III (next top 22 highest scoring teams). The format allows teams to compete with other teams of similar scores. Furthermore, it gives developing counties the opportunity to experience a state championship and a chance for their decathletes to attain medals for their achievement at a level of competition that best fits where they are currently at.

The top three scoring Division II teams are: Hallmark/Fresno (42,593.0), Garfield/LAUSD (41,894.5), Alhambra/Los Angeles (41,564.0).

The top three scoring Division III teams are: Marysville/Yuba (38,519.2), Lodi/San Joaquin (37,208.1), Granite Bay/Placer (36,540.9).

In all, 62 high school teams from across the state competed in this year's California Academic Decathlon. Teams are comprised of three Honor students (3.75 and above GPA), three Scholastic students (3.00-3.74 GPA), and three Varsity students (2.99 GPA and below).

California has won the last seven national titles and has won twelve national titles in the past 16 years of national competition. In 28 years of national competition, California has placed first or second every year but one.

To learn more about the California Academic Decathlon, visit the CAD website at <http://www.academicdecathlon.org>

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