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GRANADA HILLS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL WINS 9TH CONSECUTIVE NATIONAL ACADEMIC DECATHLON TITLE

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA — Los Angeles Unified School District's Granada Hills Charter High School on Saturday, April 30, 2011 won the United States Academic Decathlon. The team scored 52,113.5 points out of 60,000 possible, earning the school's first national title and California's ninth consecutive national title. The winners were announced before an enthusiastic crowd at the 2011 United States Academic Decathlon's award ceremony at the Hilton hotel in downtown Charlotte, North Carolina.

Members of the winning team are (Honors) Austin Kang, Celine Ta, Joon Lee, (Scholastics) Harsimar Dhanoa, Shagun Goyal, Jiyong "Eugene" lee, (Varsities) Elysia Eastty, Riki Higashida, Sindhura Seeni and coaches Matt Arnold, Spencer Wolf, Nick Weber and Jim Hatem.

In all, 36 high school teams representing 35 states from across the country and London, England, competed in this year's national Academic Decathlon championship. Decathlete 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 nine national titles and has won fourteen national titles in the past 17 years of national competition. In 29 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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