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CALIFORNIA ACADEMIC DECATHLON WINS THREE OUT OF FOUR NATIONAL TITLES THIS YEAR!

FAIRFIELD, CALIFORNIA — The California Academic Decathlon won three national titles and one second place title during the 2010 United States Academic Decathlon finals.

The United States Academic Decathlon (USAD) recently announced the four national Academic Decathlon competition winners, giving California three national champions and one second place champion in one year. California remains the only state to participate and place in all four national competitions.

Three out of the four national competitions were online competitions for large, medium and small schools. The highest scoring large, medium and small school teams from California's State Championship advanced to USAD's national online championship. They were not to be the same team that participated in the USAD National Finals. According to USAD's guidelines, large schools are defined by a school enrollment of 1,301 students or more; medium schools are defined by a school enrollment of 1,300 students or less; and, small schools are defined by a school enrollment of less than 650 students.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) El Camino Real High School won the USAD National Championship with 49,952 out of 60,000 points, earning California's eighth consecutive national title and the school's sixth national title in the past 11 years. 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.

El Camino Real received 21 individual medals (6 gold, 8 silver and 7 bronze) and claimed two out of nine Top Individual Overall Achievement Awards in Division I.

In all, 37 high school teams representing 35 states from across the country, the Virgin Islands and London, England, competed in this year's national Academic Decathlon championship held in Omaha, Nebraska on April 21-24, 2010.

NATIONAL ONLINE LARGE SCHOOL CHAMPIONS

LAUSD's John Marshall High School dominated the Large School Online National Championship with 39,133 out of 48,000 points. This was the first year that USAD hosted the Large School National Online Competition. Members of the winning team are: Un Sil Park, Anastasya Lloyd-Damnjanovic, Brandon Schwartz, Alejandra Cardenas, Kittinan Ponkaew, Andrew Dang, Marcos Chinchilla, Amber Esponda, Liliana Delaguila and coach Larry Welch

John Marshall received 61 individual medals (29 gold, 19 silver and 13 bronze). In all, six high schools representing six states competed in this year's national online large school competition.



NATIONAL ONLINE MEDIUM SCHOOL CHAMPIONS

Southern California Private Schools' St. Francis High School took second place with 29,676 points. This is the second consecutive year that St. Francis has placed in the top three in this division. Members of the team are: Ben Dunst, Roylance Bird, Ethan Liwanag, Matt Jones, Andrew Kange, Chirs Ferro, John Papadopolas, Don Palmigiano, Scott McQueen and coach Dirk Dierking.

St. Francis received 13 individual medals (7 gold, 4 silver and 2 bronze). In all, 16 high schools representing 16 states competed in this year's national online medium school competition.

NATIONAL ONLINE SMALL SCHOOL CHAMPIONS

Fresno County's University High School won the USAD Small School National Online Competition with 35,696 points. University has won this division four consecutive years. Members of the team are: Eric Hende, Albert Chang, Tiffany Cao, Nathan Matteson, Richard Schneider, Carolynn Jimenez, Jared Rorabaugh, Wyatt Stevens, Taylor Barry and coach Sean Canfield.

University received 37 individual medals (13 gold, 17 silver and 7 bronze). In all, 20 high schools representing 20 states competed in this year's national online small school competition.

California has won the last eight national titles and has won thirteen 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. Today, California celebrates four great teams and continues its record setting victories with three national level championships and a second place title in one year!

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

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