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Outstanding Minds Battle for Bay Region Academic Decathlon Top Spots

FAIRFIELD, CA - Solano County Office of Education hosted the Bay Region Academic Decathlon on Saturday, February 1, 2025, at Solano Community College in Fairfield. This year's competition challenged 252 students from 16 schools across Colusa, Contra Costa, Lake, Mendocino, Napa, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma, and Yolo counties.

Today's rigorous competition resulted in Campolindo High School from Acalanes Union High School District winning first place overall. The team, coached by Paul Verbanszky, is invited to go on to compete and represent Contra Costa County at the state Academic Decathlon competition being held March 20-23, 2025, in Santa Clara.

Second place was awarded to America Canyon High School from Napa Valley Unified School District. The team, coached by Alma Gonzalez, qualified to compete and represent Napa County at the state Academic Decathlon competition.

Third place was awarded to BASIS Independent Silicon Valley Upper School. Coached by Bryan Meyerowitz, the team qualified to represent Santa Clara County at the state Academic Decathlon competition.

Vanden High School from Travis Unified School District took fourth place overall. Coached by David Kenyon, the team has qualified to represent Solano County at the state competition.

Since 1981, the Solano County Office of Education has hosted the Academic Decathlon for local public and private high schools. Students can compete as individuals and as a team in a series of academic tests and demonstrations. The Academic Decathlon is a competitive event modeled after the Olympics to stimulate academic achievement and honor "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. 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 writing of an essay, delivering both a prepared and an impromptu speech, and an interview.



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Solano County Office of Education appreciates the remarkable support of event partners who help make the event an ongoing success. Marin Clean Energy sponsored the competition, and Travis Credit Union sponsored the event by providing checks to the winning teams to help offset the costs associated with traveling to the state competition. Fairfield-Suisun Rotary provided a barbeque lunch for over 300 participants and a multitude of volunteers who served as coaches, interview and speech judges, room monitors, runners, and super quiz assistants.

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Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) provides leadership, support, and fiscal oversight for charter schools and Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield-Suisun, Travis, Vacaville, and Vallejo school districts which serve approximately 60,000 students. Solano County Superintendent of Schools, Lisette Estrella-Henderson is elected by voters of Solano County. The Superintendent is a state constitutional officer who serves as the chief executive officer of SCOE and as a liaison between local school districts and the state.