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Vanden High School wins 2010 North Bay Academic Decathlon

FAIRFIELD - Travis Unified School District's Vanden High School team won the 2010 North Bay Region Academic Decathlon on February 6. The team scored 41,919 points, out of 60,000 possible, earning the school the regional title for the second year and eighth consecutive Solano County title.

Members of the winning team are Kamran Ali, Michael Dacy, Oscar Flores, Jr., Jessica Gillotte, Andrew Halsey, Yasmine Krings, Adam Spaulding, Christopher Still, Melissa Whitfield and Coach David Kenyon.

The nine-member team will represent Solano County at the 2010 California Academic Decathlon, scheduled for March 12 through 15, in Sacramento, California.

Vanden is now tied for regional titles with Sonoma County's champion team from Casa Grande High School, who placed second at the regional competition with 40,660 points. Benicia Unified School District's Benicia High School team finished third with 35,608 points.

Vanden also finished first in the Super Quiz with 4,925 points, out of 6,000 possible, followed by Casa Grande's first team with 4,610 points and Casa Grande's second team with 3,755 points.

Rounding out the top 10 scoring teams were St. Helena High School/Napa County (33,192 points), Novato High School/Marin County (27,750 points), Armijo High School/Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District (26,631 points), Vacaville Christian High School/Private School (26,457 points), Hogan High School/Vallejo City Unified School District (23,566 points), Vallejo High School/Vallejo City Unified School District (22,632 points), and Fairfield High School/Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District (20,960 points).

In all, 230 students from 23 high school teams representing Marin, Mendocino, Napa, Solano, Sonoma and Yolo counties competed in this year's North Bay Regional Academic Decathlon. 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).

Each county that participated in the North Bay Region Academic Decathlon will be sending their championship team to compete at the California Academic Decathlon. In addition to Solano County's Vanden High School and Sonoma County's Casa Grande High School, other teams advancing to the state championship include Willits High School/Mendocino County, Novato High School/Marin County, St. Helena High School/Napa County, and a co-op team from Yolo County.

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

If you would like to volunteer or need additional information about the Academic Decathlon, please contact Ken Scarberry at (707) 646-7601 or by e-mail at kscarberry@solanocoe.net. You can also visit www.academicdecathlon.org to learn more about the Academic Decathlon.

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