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Campolindo High School Named 2015 East County Regional Academic Decathlon Champion

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Campolindo High School's Academic Decathlon Team, first place Photos Diane Morrell, CCCOE

that brought the program to a close.

Approximately 140 participating high school students have been studying and preparing for this event with their coaches since September. This year's Academic Decathlon theme was "New Alternatives in Energy: Ingenuity and Innovation."

High school teams are made up of nine students, grades 9-12, with a maximum of three students in each of the following divisions: Honors (3.75-4.00 GPA), Scholastic (3.00-3.74 GPA) and Varsity (2.99 GPA and below).

Campolindo was last year's national winner in the Medium School Category. The Campolindo High School team will represent Contra Costa County at the California State Academic Decathlon, to be held in Sacramento, March 19-22. Campolindo High School also won this year's East Bay Regional Academic Decathlon SuperQuiz(tm), held Saturday, Feb. 7. This year's National Academic Decathlon will be held in Garden Grove, Calif., April 16-18.

Individual Gold Awards (highest individual score)

Top Scoring Individual - Varsity Holden Kolner (11th grade), Campolindo

Top Scoring Individual - Scholastic Will Coates (12th grade), Campolindo

Top Scoring Individual - Honor Katie Coates (12th grade) Campolindo

Individual Perfect Test Scores

Katie Coates (12th grade), Campolindo - Science Test

Uma Gaffney (11th grade), Campolindo - Speech Test

Nick O'Dea (12th grade), Las Lomas - Speech Test

Iris Wang (11th grade), Acalanes - Interview Test

At the recent energy-filled Academic Decathlon Awards Reception, Campolindo High School won the 2015 East County Regional Academic Decathlon for the fifth straight year. Along with being the Regional winner, the team will also represent Contra Costa County in the California State Academic Decathlon competition. Following Campolindo, were Acalanes High School, second place, and Las Lomas High School, third place.

Directed by the Contra Costa County Office of Education (CCCOE) and with the assistance of 180 community volunteers, the county's Academic Decathlon provides an opportunity for high school students to compete as individuals and teams in a series of 10 academic tests and demonstrations. The subjects in the competition include art, economics, language and literature, mathematics, music, science, social science, essay, interview, and speech (prepared and impromptu), plus the popular SuperQuiz(tm), a Jeopardy style team competition

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