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Olympian High Wins San Diego County Academic Decathlon Competition for Fourth Consecutive Year

Awards Reception Honors Outstanding Students at USD's Shiley Theatre

Tuesday evening at the 31st Annual Academic Decathlon Awards Reception, Olympian High School was crowned the 2013 San Diego County Academic Decathlon Champion for the fourth year in a row. The awards ceremony was held at USD's Camino Hall in the Shiley Theatre, where all participating schools were honored.

More than 120 students from 15 local high schools took part in the February 2 competition, which was held at Olympian High School in Chula Vista.

"I'm so proud of my kids," said Ken Boulton, Olympian High Decathlon Coach and former Southwest High Coach. Boulton is the most successful coach in local Decathlon history, as he led Southwest High to five consecutive wins and now Olympian High with four consecutive wins. "Participation in Academic Decathlon is dropping off around the county and we need to get more schools involved. I would like to see all students in the County given the same opportunity to compete and participate. It is such a great experience for my students to be able to participate at the state level. I wish everyone could see the intensity and excitement of all the teams from around the state." Boulton said.

The entire top ten was made up of:

1. Olympian High, Sweetwater Union High School District
2. Hilltop High, Sweetwater UHSD
3. Sweetwater High, Sweetwater UHSD
4. Fallbrook High, Fallbrook Union High School District
5. San Ysidro High, Sweetwater UHSD
6. Southwest High School, Sweetwater UHSD
7. Bonita Vista High School, Sweetwater UHSD
8. Castle Park High, Sweetwater UHSD
9. Eastlake High, Sweetwater UHSD
10. Hoover High, San Diego Unified District

County Board of Education President Sharon Jones, District 3 and Member Mark Anderson, 4th District handed out awards and commended the students, teachers and parents. The awards ceremony was made



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Olympian High will now represent San Diego County in the California Academic Decathlon Championship, to be held March 14-17, 2013 in Sacramento.

For more information please contact the San Diego County Academic Decathlon Coordinator Nicole Shina, 858-292-3850 or nshina@sdcoe.net.

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