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WISCONSIN ACADEMIC DECATHLON

National Overall Champions 2002
Division II National Champions 2002-2005, 2007-2011
Second in the Nation 2003, 2008-2009
Third in the Nation 2004-2007, 2011

LOCAL COMPETITION RESULTS — NEWS RELEASE

2011-2012 THEME: **The Age of Empire**

The 29th season of the Wisconsin Academic Decathlon began on November 8th with Local Competition. WIAD is a charter member of the United States Academic Decathlon® and the fourth largest competing state among 36 nationwide. **One hundred fourteen teams and close to 1,000 students throughout the state registered to compete in the Local Round.** The CESA districts in Wisconsin set up local test sites. Any interested public or private high school is invited to apply to enter a team(s).

Each high school team consists of nine full-time students, 9th through 12th grades, and is made up of three Honor students (3.75-4.00 GPA), three students in the Scholastic (3.00-3.74 GPA) and three in the Varsity (0.00-2.99 GPA) category. All nine students write all the tests and the top two scores in each category determine the team score. In this way, the program offers the appeal of mental competition at all achievement levels.

The first round (Local) of the Academic Decathlon competition consisted of six tests of academic strength; competitions were held statewide. **Through the process of competitive elimination, finalist teams were selected from the CESA districts to advance to Regional Competition — conducted at five host sites. The 60 teams advancing to the next level on January 13, 2012, are enclosed.** The study guide, determined by United States Academic Decathlon® (USAD), sets forth the material to be covered in preparation for the events and includes the following:

- **Art** — Curriculum covers art fundamentals and will focus on art and imperial power.
- **Economics** — Covers fundamental economic concepts, microeconomics and macroeconomic, plus a thematic section focused on the economics of imperialism.
- **Language & Literature** — Curriculum includes critical reading, one novella, three poems, and two short stories. Featured novel is *Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad.
- **Mathematics** — Topics in general mathematics and geometry, and includes a brief introduction to differential calculus.
- **Music** — Curriculum covers basic elements of music theory and will focus on music of the Romantic era.
- **Science** — Curriculum presents an introduction to physical science and includes discussions of significant scientific advances made during the nineteenth century.

In addition, at Regional Competition, students will be required to give a Prepared and Impromptu SPEECH, have a personal INTERVIEW, and write an ESSAY.

Four divisions categorize the teams. Based on last year's high school (9-12) enrollments:

- Division 1 = 1250+
- Division 2 = 700-1249
- Division 3 = 285-699
- Division 4 = under 285 enrollment

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ESTABLISHED: The Scholarship Program, established in 1996, awards A, B & C Regional and State participants cash and direct scholarships. To date, the Academic Decathlon Program has offered over \$1,000,000 in cash and direct scholarships. Future scholarship awards are contingent upon partnerships with Wisconsin institutions of higher learning and adequate funding.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS? The Academic Decathlon provides the structure to produce:

- clear and effective communicators
- self-directed and life-long learners
- creative and practical problem solvers
- responsible and involved citizens
- collaborative and quality workers
- integrative and informed thinkers

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION — Building Skills for the Future: Wisconsin Academic Decathlon is the best example of the educational community, the State, and concerned parents and student scholars working together to gain academic recognition. WIAD is a non-profit organization sponsored through private donations and school entry fees. A Board of Directors oversees the decision-making process. Deductible contributions to Wisconsin Academic Decathlon Foundation, Inc., **EIN 39-1860126**, are exempt from federal income tax under Section 509(a)(3) Type I of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3).

To date, the following corporations and foundations are major sponsors of the 2011-2012 decathlon program:

DIAMOND (\$15,000+) Assurant Health FDN.; **PLATINUM (\$10,000-\$14,999)** GE Healthcare — inkind; **GOLD (\$5,000-\$9,999)** CNH America LLC and the Kress FDN.; **SILVER (\$1,000-\$4,999)** Alliant Energy Foundation, Ameriprise Auto & Home Insurance, Baird & Co., FDN., Cellcom, CESA FDN., DemiDec, Einhorn Family FDN., Inc., GE Senior Elfun's Volunteer Organization — inkind, Hydrite Chemical, K.C. Stock Foundation, Madison West Towne/Middleton Rotary, Marathon Cheese Corporation and USAD®.

More funds are still needed for the 2011-2012 budget year and beyond.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR REGIONAL COMPETITIONS: Volunteerism is a major factor behind the on-going success of the Wisconsin Academic Decathlon. **Volunteers are needed for Regional Competition on January 13, 2012 and at State Competition on March 15-16 to officiate and assist with all the Decathlon events.** Regional Competition is held at five host sites and the State Competition is held at the Glacier Canyon Convention Center, Wisconsin Dells. Volunteers are utilized as test proctors, essay readers, speech and interview judges — and as assistants in other capacities. It takes over 500 volunteers statewide to coordinate the Local, Regional and State Competitions. Please contact your local CESA Office or the State Academic Decathlon Office if you would like to become a volunteer.

For more volunteer and program information or sponsorship opportunities, contact:

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Wisconsin Academic Decathlon

118 Registered Teams for 2011-2012

- * Arrowhead H S
- * Assumption H S (WR)
- * Athens H S
Athens H S 2
- Bangor H S
- Bangor H S 2
- * Barron H S
- * Bay Port H S
- * Beaver Dam H S
Beaver Dam H S 2
- Beloit Turner H S
- * Berlin H S
Berlin H S 2
- * Boyceville H S
- * Brown Deer H S
- * Burlington H S
Burlington H S 2
- * Cambridge H S
- * Cudahy H S
De Pere H S
De Pere H S 2
- Deerfield H S
Deerfield H S 2
- Deerfield H S 3
- * Dodge Land H S
- * Durand H S
Durand H S 2
- Eau Claire Memorial - D
- Eau Claire North H S
- * Eau Claire Regis H S
Eau Claire Regis H S 2
- * Elk Mound H S
- * Flambeau H S
Flambeau H S 2
- Franklin H S - D
- * Freedom H S
- * Gilman H S
Gilman H S 2
- * Grantsburg H S
- * Green Bay East H S
Green Bay East H S 2
- * Green Bay Preble H S
- * Green Bay Southwest
Green Bay Southwest 2
- * Green Bay West H S
- * Hamilton H S
- Independence H S
- * Iowa-Grant H S
- Jefferson H S
- * Kettle Moraine H S
Kettle Moraine H S 2
- * LC Logan/Central Co-op
Manitowoc Lutheran - D
- * Marathon H S
Marshall H S
- * Mauston H S
Mauston H S 2
- * Mayville H S
Mayville H S 2
- * Melrose-Mindoro H S
Melrose-Mindoro H S 2
- * Menomonee Falls H S
Menomonee Falls H S 2
- Menomonee Falls H S 3
- Menomonee Falls H S 4
- * Menomonie H S
Menomonie H S 2
- * Milw Pius XI H S
Milw St. Thomas More
- Mondovi H S
- * Mount Horeb H S
Mount Horeb H S 2
- Mount Horeb H S 3
- Mount Horeb H S 4 - D
- * New Berlin Eisenhower
New Berlin Eisenhower 2
- New Berlin Eisenhower 3
- New Berlin Eisenhower 4
- * New Berlin West H S
New Berlin West H S 2
- * New Richmond H S
- * Northland Pines H S
- * Pewaukee H S
Pewaukee H S 2
- * Poynette H S
Poynette H S 2
- * Prentice H S
Racine Washington Park
- * Randolph H S
- * Seymour H S
- * Slinger H S
Slinger H S 2
- * Somerset H S
- * Sparta H S
Stanley-Boyd H S
- * Stevens Point Senior H S
- * Sun Prairie H S
Sun Prairie H S 2
- * Union Grove H S
Union Grove H S 2
- * Walden III H S
- * Watertown H S
Watertown H S 2
- * Waukesha North H S
Waukesha North H S 2
- * Waukesha South H S
Waukesha South H S 2
- * Waukesha West H S
Waukesha West H S 2
- Waukesha West H S 3
- * Westosha Central H S
- * Whitehall H S
Whitehall H S 2
- Whitehall H S 3
- * Wilmot Union H S
Wilmot Union H S 2
- * Winneconne H S
Winneconne H S 2

*=Regional (60 Teams Advancing pending transcript verification)

**=State

***=National