

# WISCONSIN ACADEMIC DECATHLON

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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 ~ Fourth in the Nation 2010

## UNITED STATES ACADEMIC DECATHLON

### WAUKESHA WEST HIGH SCHOOL — DIVISION II NATIONAL CHAMPION — April, 2011

The 2010-2011 Academic Decathlon team from **Waukesha West High School** represented Wisconsin at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual National Finals last week. The trip marked West's tenth consecutive appearance. This year's event was held in Charlotte, North Carolina; the theme was ***The Great Depression***.

The competition drew high school teams from 36 states as well as a team from London, England. **Waukesha West captured 1st place among the twelve Division II schools and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the nation with their score of 49,735.9.** Wisconsin's team also took 4<sup>th</sup> place overall in the combined Super Quiz Relay and Written tests. California's Division I Granada Hills Charter High School earned the overall title with a point total of 52,113.5. Division I J. Frank Dobie High School from Texas placed 2<sup>nd</sup> with a point total of 50,436.2.

Coached by Duane Stein, West's nine-member team accumulated multiple awards, including \$6,000 in cash scholarships. Thirty four medals were awarded to the team; seven West decathletes earned cash scholarships. Katharine Tyndall was featured in the Speech Showcase and earned a perfect score for her speech presentation; Jared Christiansen received a perfect score in Interview. Josh Graham was West's top scorer with 8,929.8 out of a possible 10,000 points; Josh's individual score ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> overall among all national competitors.

#### The Team:

Nikhila Albert	Jared Christensen	Emma Nelton
Anuraag Girdhar	Andrew Payant	Abigail Stein
Joshua Graham	Katharine Tyndall	Tyler Thomsen

#### The Events:

Art	Mathematics	Essay
Economics	Music	Interview
Language & Literature	Social Science	Speech
Super Quiz – An Introduction to Geology with a case study on the Dust Bowl		

**Decathletes individually tested in the ten events, accumulating points for the team total.** Individual awards earned for academic excellence were as follows: Josh Graham (silver-Social Science, bronze-Economics, bronze-Interview, bronze-Super Quiz, Team Top Scorer = \$500 scholarship, gold overall Honor student Div. II = \$1,000 scholarship). Anuraag Girdhar (silver-Essay, silver-Economics, silver- Lang. & Lit., bronze-Social Science, silver overall Honor student Div. II = \$1,000 scholarship). Nikhila Albert (gold-Essay, silver-Music, bronze-Social Science, bronze-Speech, bronze overall Honor student Div. II = \$500 scholarship). Katharine Tyndall (gold-Art, gold-Lang. & Lit., gold-Speech, silver overall Scholastic student Div. II = \$750). Jared Christiansen (gold-Interview, gold overall Scholastic student Div. II = \$1000). Emma Nelton (bronze-Art, gold overall Varsity student Div. II = \$1,000 scholarship). Abby Stein (bronze overall Varsity student Div. II = \$500). Tyler Thomsen (bronze-Math).

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