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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

REGIONAL COMPETITION NEWS RELEASE

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2011-2012 THEME: THE AGE OF EMPIRE

Wisconsin Academic Decathlon is a non-profit, extra-curricular, high school program and charter member of the United States Academic Decathlon. Wisconsin maintains the ranking of fourth largest participating state, among 36 nationwide, in its 29th year of competition.

Each high school team consists of nine full-time students and is made up three Honor (3.75 to 4.00 GPA), three students in the Scholastic (3.00-3.74 GPA) and three in the Varsity (0-2.99 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 to all achievement levels at a school. Decathletes must be enrolled as full time students in the 9th – 12th grade in public or private high schools.

Through the process of competitive elimination in the November Local Competition (114 Teams) and January Regional Competition (60 teams), 20 schools and 180 team members (list attached) are advancing to the **State Competition** to be held in Wisconsin Dells at the Wilderness Resort, March 15-16, 2012. The study guide, determined by United States Academic Decathlon® sets forth the material 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.
- **Super Quiz** – Topic is **The Age of Imperialism: The Making of a European Global Order**. Students will be given a written test in addition to a live relay round that is open to the public. The event is held at the Glacier Conference Center at the Wilderness Resort on March 16 at 12:45 P.M.

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

STATE AWARDS PRESENTATION: The 29th Annual Awards Ceremony is held on Friday, March 16, at 5:30 P.M. in the Glacier Canyon Conference Center. Medals, plaques, trophies and scholarships will be awarded to the top decathletes emerging from the two-day competition.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: A Scholarship Program, established in 1996, awards **A, B & C** Regional and State participants for their academic efforts. This year, direct scholarships to a number of Wisconsin colleges will be awarded.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS? 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. An advisory board oversees the decision-making process. Deductible contributions to the **Wisconsin Academic Foundation, Inc.** (EIN 39-1860126) are exempt from federal income tax under Section 509(a)(3) Type I of the Internal Revenue Code.

The following corporations are major sponsors of the program thus far: **DIAMOND (\$15,000+)** Assurant Health Foundation; **PLATINUM (\$10,000-\$14,999)** American Family Insurance and GE Healthcare; **GOLD (\$5,000-\$9,999)** CNH America LLC, Kress Foundation and Ladish Co. Foundation; **SILVER (\$1,000-\$4,999)** Alliant Energy FDN., Ameriprise Auto & Home Insurance, Robert W. Baird & Co. FDN., Bostik, Inc., CESA Foundation, Inc., DemiDec, Einhorn Family FDN, GE Volunteers FDN, Hydrite Chemical, K.C. Stock FDN., Lutsey Family FDN, Madison West-Towne Middleton Rotary, Marathon Cheese Corporation and USAD.

Contributions are still welcomed for the 2011-2012 season and beyond.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COMPETITIONS: Volunteerism is a major factor behind the on-going success of Academic Decathlon. At State Competition (March 15-16), we recruit volunteers to officiate and assist with all the Decathlon events; they are needed to proctor tests, score the essays, judge the speeches, conduct the interviews and assist in other capacities. It takes over 500 volunteers statewide to coordinate the Local, Regional and State competitions each year. To become a volunteer, please contact Molly Ritchie at the address below.

FOR PROGRAM INFORMATION AND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, contact:

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WISCONSIN ACADEMIC DECATHLON

STATE COMPETITION

Glacier Canyon Conference Center,

Wilderness Resort

MARCH 15-16, 2012

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