

El Diamante High School wins annual Academic Decathlon for third straight year



The annual Academic Decathlon competition concluded virtually this year on Saturday. Visalia's El Diamante High School captured the championship for the third year in a row. This year, the El Diamante team, under the leadership of Mikk Jolly, earned the top prize in the Super Quiz competition, the large school category, and the honor to represent Tulare County in the state finals, which will be held virtually March 25-28. The team from El Diamante High School was comprised of Arjan Batth, Lucio Benavides, Taylor Bennett, Carter House, Carol Huang, Katie Jolly, Fernando Laguna, Patrick Oliver, and Sofia Perez.

All Academic Decathlon teams are comprised of 2-3 students in each of three grade divisions: Honors (GPA 3.800 and higher), Scholastic (GPA 3.200-3.799), and Varsity (GPA 3.199 and below). The top students in the three categories were all from El Diamante High School. Patrick Oliver (Honors), Taylor Bennett (Scholastic), and Carol Huang (Varsity) took home the top individual trophies. Woodlake High School captured the small school division title. The Woodlake High School team was comprised of Lucile Allen, David Barron, Krystal Gomez, Rosendo Medina-Uribe, and Alexis Morales.

Students also received medals and awards in each of the competition's 10 categories. The top students in each category are:

Art

Patrick Oliver, El Diamante High School

Economics (tie)

Sofia Biagio, Granite Hills High School

Patrick Oliver, El Diamante High School

Essay

Sofia Biagio, Granite Hills High School

Interview (tie)

Arjan Batth, El Diamante High School

Sofia Perez, El Diamante High School

Hannah McLain, El Diamante High School

Literature

Emily Gonzalez, Dinuba High School

Math (tie)

Trevin Brandt, El Diamante High School

Patrick Oliver, El Diamante High School

Music

Taylor Bennett, El Diamante High School

Science (tie)

Taylor Bennett, El Diamante High School

Carol Huang, El Diamante High School

Social Science

Emily Gonzalez, Dinuba High School

Speech

Emily Gonzalez, Dinuba High School

Resource & Referral teams up with First 5 Tulare County to distribute COVID-19 cleaning supplies



This week, Early Childhood Education's (ECE) Resource & Referral Program announced that it would again partner with First 5 Tulare County to distribute COVID-19 cleaning and sanitation supplies to Tulare County Early Learning care providers. The Resource & Referral staff will hold a drive-through distribution event for registered providers at the Mooney Boulevard administration building on Wednesday morning, March 3. Those eligible to receive the free supplies include license exempt providers, and those who operate family resource centers, family childcare homes, and private centers.

For this event, First 5 Tulare County has provided a variety of disinfecting products, including liquid soap, sprays, and wipes. In addition, participants can receive thermometers, adult and children's disposable masks, and gloves. Early Learning care providers must register at tcoe.org/COVIDsupplies in order to attend the event. Registration closes February 19.

To receive news about future Resource & Referral network events, Early Learning care providers are encouraged to notify staff of any changes to their contact information by leaving a message at (559) 651-0185 or emailing referralsrr@cc.tcoe.org.

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