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Harmony Magnet Academy wins Tulare County Academic Decathlon



On Saturday, Harmony Magnet Academy (Strathmore) unseated four-time, reigning champion El Diamante High School (Visalia) and won the overall Academic Decathlon championship. They will represent Tulare County at the state competition March 24-26 in Santa Clara.

The championship team was made up of Jay Dillon, Allison Daguman, Alyssandra Oracion, Elisabeth Ceballos, Janie Wilkinson, Miguel Prado, Quinn Soriano, Sean Phillips, and Alexander Delgado. The Harmony team also won top team in the small school category.

Since 2012, the overall Academic Decathlon champion has come from one of three high schools – Harmony (2012, 2013, 2014, 2023), Granite Hills High School of Porterville (2016, 2017, 2018), or El Diamante (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022).

At this year's competition, El Diamante was also the top team in the large school category and the SuperQuiz winners.

All Academic Decathlon teams are comprised of two to three 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 Patrick Oliver (Honors) from El Diamante, David Gomez (Scholastic) from Granite Hills High School in Porterville, and Geovani Tapia (Varsity) from Granite Hills. All three received individual trophies as well.



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

Art

Patrick Oliver, El Diamante High School, Visalia

Economics

Jay Dillon, Harmony Magnet Academy, Strathmore and Patrick Oliver, El Diamante High School, Visalia

Essay

Diego Corona, Granite Hills High School, Porterville

Interview

Derrick Smith, Granite Hills High School, Porterville and Andrea Andrade, Granite Hills High School, Porterville

Literature

Patrick Oliver, El Diamante High School, Visalia

Mathematics

Daniel Ramos, Harmony Magnet Academy, Strathmore and Jay Dillon, Harmony Magnet Academy, Strathmore

Music

Alyssandra Oracion, Harmony Magnet Academy, Strathmore

Science

Patrick Oliver, El Diamante High School, Visalia

Social Science

Patrick Oliver, El Diamante High School, Visalia

Speech

Geovani Tapia, Granite Hills High School, Porterville

For more information on Academic Decathlon, visit tcoe.org/AcademicDecathlon.

Photos above:

~ Harmony Magnet Academy (Strathmore) won the Tulare County Academic Decathlon on Saturday. It was the school's first win since a three-year championship run ending in 2014.

~ From left to right, the top students in the three Academic Decathlon categories were Patrick Oliver (Honors) from El Diamante, David Gomez (Scholastic) from Granite Hills High School in Porterville, and Geovani Tapia (Varsity) from Granite Hills.