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The Heat Is On…..
LAUSD's Super Scholars To Compete for Academic Decathlon Trophy
13 District School Teams to Compete for State Title and Trip to Nationals

LOS ANGELES - Thirteen teams from L.A. Unified will travel to Sacramento to compete in the 2016 California Academic Decathlon contest, scheduled for March 18-20.

The District has sent teams from 24 different schools since 1998 to the State competition. Among them: El Camino Real Charter holds 10 state championships, and has tied with Marshall High School for the most appearances. Garfield has participated in 15 of the 19 years since wild card teams were invited.

The decathletes, including some of the District's top student scholars, will put their prowess to the ultimate test when they compete against Decathletes from 68 teams throughout California for the state title. The **four top teams are based on their scores in the regional competition are all from L.A. Unified; Granada Hills, Marshall, Franklin, and El Camino Real.**

The competing District schools are: **Granada Hills Charter High School**, winner of the District's 2016 Academic Decathlon contest; **Marshall, Franklin, El Camino Real Charter, Garfield, Bell, Van Nuys, Grant, Narbonne, Hamilton, North Hollywood, and first timers- Cleveland Charter and Lincoln.**

Students will be tested in 10 categories: art, economics, essay, interview, literature, mathematics, music, science, social science and speech. This year's study topic is "India."

The state winner will be announced between noon and 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 20 in Sacramento.

The winner will represent California in this year's United States Academic Decathlon competition, scheduled April 28-30, in Anchorage, Alaska.

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