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Campolindo High School is County's 2013 Academic Decathlon Champion

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Campolindo High School's Red Team Photo Diane Morrell, CCCOE

Approximately, 170 participating high school students studied and prepared for this event with their coaches since September. This year's Academic Decathlon theme was Russia, and the Super Quiz focused on the areas the participating students had been preparing for with the comprehension portion of Academic Decathlon.

High school teams are made up of nine students, grades 9-12, with a maximum of three students in each of the following divisions: Honors (3.75-4.00 GPA), Scholastic (3.00-3.74 GPA) and Varsity (2.99 GPA and below).

To view all Academic Decathlon statistics, visit <http://www.ccoe.k12.ca.us/supe/events/decathlon.htm>.

History truly repeated itself when the top three 2013 Contra Costa County High School Academic Decathlon finishing teams were a carbon copy of last year's results. At the Feb. 4 Academic Decathlon Awards Reception, Campolindo High School's Red Team once again finished in first place, and will go on to represent Contra Costa County in the California State Academic Decathlon competition in Sacramento, March 14-17. Also in repeating rolls, Campolindo's Blue Team took second place, and Acalanes High School finished in third.

During the awards ceremony, many individual awards were also given out. This year's Top Overall Academic Decathlon Individual Award went to Zach Scherer of Campolindo High School.

Directed by the Contra Costa County Office of Education and with the assistance of community volunteers, the county's Academic Decathlon provides an opportunity for high school students to compete as individuals and teams in a series of 10 academic tests and demonstrations. The curriculum includes art, economics, language and literature, mathematics, music, science, essay, interview, speech (prepared and impromptu), and the Super Quiz.

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