

2021 Merced County Academic Decathlon Winners

ESSAY

Individual Awards

VARSITY DIVISION		
Bronze Medal	Alejandra J. Estrella Benson	Delhi
Silver Medal	Ernesto Cortez	Buhach Colony
Gold Medal	Monica Maldonado	Livingston

SCHOLASTIC DIVISION		
Bronze Medal	Hannah Hratchian (Her-ratch-ee-in)	Golden Valley
Silver Medal	Thomas Mendoza	Buhach Colony
Gold Medal	Dylan Ward	Livingston

HONORS DIVISION		
Bronze Medal	Agastya Jain	El Capitan
Silver Medal	Daniel Chen	Merced
Gold Medal	Laura Ness	Merced

SPEECH

Individual Awards

VARSITY DIVISION		
Bronze Medal	Aaron Magsalay	Merced
Silver Medal	Shayan Mirfakhrai	Merced
Gold Medal	Maria Guardado Hernandez	Le Grand

SCHOLASTIC DIVISION		
Bronze Medal	Anjolie Arroyo	Merced
Silver Medal	Angel Guardado	Merced
Gold Medal	Nathalie Flores	Merced

HONORS DIVISION		
Bronze Medal	Diego Pimentel	Livingston
Silver Medal	Jonathan Asai Tianna LiWang	Livingston Merced
Gold Medal	Marisol Mercado	Livingston

INTERVIEW

Individual Awards

VARSITY DIVISION		
Bronze Medal	Natalie Magdaleno	Buhach Colony
Silver Medal	Shayan Mirfakhraie	Merced
Gold Medal	Monica Maldonado	Livingston

SCHOLASTIC DIVISION		
Bronze Medal	Thomas Mendoza	Buhach Colony
Silver Medal	Ilse M. Aguilar	Delhi
Gold Medal	Raymi Boza Adam Haskins	El Capitan Buhach Colony

HONORS DIVISION		
Bronze Medal	Jesus Dominguez Agastya Jain	Le Grand El Capitan
Silver Medal	Brent Rowan	Golden Valley
Gold Medal	Marisol Mercado	Livingston

MATHEMATICS

Individual Awards

VARSITY DIVISION		
Bronze Medal	Esmeralda Ortiz Monica Maldonado Diego Luna	Livingston Livingston Merced
Silver Medal	Simon Vasquez Ernesto Cortez	Golden Valley Buhach Colony
Gold Medal	Alejandra J. Estrella Benson	Delhi

SCHOLASTIC DIVISION		
Bronze Medal	Adam Haskins	Buhach Colony
Silver Medal	Shane Barcellos Thomas Mendoza Nora Dominguez	Livingston Buhach Colony Golden Valley
Gold Medal	Angel Guardado	Merced

HONORS DIVISION		
Bronze Medal	Riddhi Parikh	El Capitan
Silver Medal	Laura Ness	Merced
Gold Medal	Daniel Chen	Merced

Social Science Individual Awards

VARSITY DIVISION		
Bronze Medal	Gerbin Caballero-Bello	Buhach Colony
Silver Medal	Esmeralda Ortiz	Livingston
Gold Medal	Ernesto Cortez	Buhach Colony

SCHOLASTIC DIVISION		
Bronze Medal	Nathalie Flores	Merced
Silver Medal	Dylan Ward	Livingston
Gold Medal	Thomas Mendoza	Buhach Colony

HONORS DIVISION		
Bronze Medal	Daniel Chen	Merced
Silver Medal	Laura Ness	Merced
Gold Medal	Liam Newsam	Buhach Colony

ART

Individual Awards

VARSITY DIVISION		
Bronze Medal	Diego Luna	Merced
Silver Medal	Esmeralda Ortiz Gerbin Caballero-Bello	Livingston Golden Valley
Gold Medal	Simon Vasquez Ernesto Cortez	Golden Valley Buhach Colony

SCHOLASTIC DIVISION		
Bronze Medal	Raymi Boza Adam Haskins Sonia Lumley	El Capitan Buhach Colony Golden Valley
Silver Medal	Thomas Mendoza Hannah Hratchian (Her-ratch-ee-in)	Buhach Colony Golden Valley
Gold Medal	Nathalie Flores	Merced

HONORS DIVISION		
Bronze Medal	Tianna LiWang	Merced
Silver Medal	Daniel Chen	Merced
Gold Medal	Laura Ness Liam Newsam	Merced Buhach Colony

MUSIC

Individual Awards

VARSITY DIVISION		
Bronze Medal	Diego Luna	Merced
Silver Medal	Ernesto Cortez	Buhach Colony
Gold Medal	Simon Vasquez	Golden Valley

SCHOLASTIC DIVISION		
Bronze Medal	Nora Dominguez	Golden Valley
Silver Medal	Sonia Lumley	Golden Valley
Gold Medal	Hannah Hratchian (Her-ratch-ee-in) Thomas Mendoza	Golden Valley Buhach Colony

HONORS DIVISION		
Bronze Medal	Laura Ness	Merced
Silver Medal	Daniel Chen	Merced
Gold Medal	Liam Newsam	Buhach Colony

ECONOMICS

Individual Awards

VARSITY DIVISION		
Bronze Medal	Ruben Villagomez	Le Grand
Silver Medal	Esmeralda Ortiz Simon Vasquez	Livingston Golden Valley
Gold Medal	Diego Luna	Merced

SCHOLASTIC DIVISION		
Bronze Medal	Adam Haskins	Buhach Colony
Silver Medal	Dylan Ward Hannah Hratchian (Her-ratch-ee-in)	Livingston Golden Valley
Gold Medal	Angel Guardado Nathalie Flores	Merced Merced

HONORS DIVISION		
Bronze Medal	Tianna LiWang	Merced
Silver Medal	Jonathan Asai	Livingston
Gold Medal	Laura Ness Daniel Chen	Merced Merced

LITERATURE

Individual Awards

VARSITY DIVISION		
Bronze Medal	Esmeralda Ortiz	Livingston
Silver Medal	Simon Vasquez	Golden Valley
Gold Medal	Ernesto Cortez	Buhach Colony

SCHOLASTIC DIVISION		
Bronze Medal	Thomas Mendoza	Buhach Colony
Silver Medal	Hannah Hratchian (Her-ratch-ee-in)	Golden Valley
Gold Medal	Dylan Ward	Livingston

HONORS DIVISION		
Bronze Medal	Brent Rowan Tianna LiWang	Golden Valley Tianna LiWang
Silver Medal	Liam Newsam	Buhach Colony
Gold Medal	Laura Ness	Merced

SCIENCE

Individual Awards

VARSITY DIVISION		
Bronze Medal	Gerbin Caballero-Bello	Buhach Colony
Silver Medal	Simon Vasquez	Golden Valley
Gold Medal	Ernesto Cortez	Buhach Colony

SCHOLASTIC DIVISION		
Bronze Medal	Nathalie Flores	Merced
Silver Medal	Raymi Boza Thomas Mendoza	El Capitan Buhach Colony
Gold Medal	Adam Haskins	Buhach Colony

HONORS DIVISION		
Bronze Medal	Laura Ness	Merced
Silver Medal	Daniel Chen	Merced
Gold Medal	Liam Newsam	Buhach Colony

Top Scoring Student of Each Team

Top Scoring Student on Each Team

Top Scoring Student on Each Team

Buhach Colony High

Liam Newsam

Delhi High

**Alejandra J.
Estrella Benson**

El Capitan

Agastya Jain

Golden Valley High

Brent Rowan

Le Grand High

Riley Lopez

Livingston High

Jonathan Asai

Merced High

Daniel Chen

Robert Wayne Scholarships

BUHACH HIGH

\$ 250	Ernesto Cortez
\$ 250	Thomas Mendoza
\$ 500	Liam Newsam

DELHI HIGH

\$ 250	Paulina Medina
\$ 250	Ilse M. Aguilar
\$ 500	Alejandra J. Estrella Benson

EL CAPITAN HIGH

\$ 250	Riddhi Parikh
\$ 250	Raymi Boza
\$ 500	Agastya Jain

GOLDEN VALLEY

\$ 250	Simon Vasquez
\$ 250	Hannah Hrachian (Her-ratch-ee-in)
\$ 500	Brent Rowan

LE GRAND HIGH

\$ 250	Jesus Dominguez
\$ 250	Ruben Villagomez
\$ 500	Riley Lopez

LIVINGSTON HIGH

\$ 250	Esmeralda Ortiz
\$ 250	Dylan Ward
\$ 500	Jonathan Asai

MERCED HIGH

\$ 250	Shayan Mirfakhraie
\$ 250	Nathalie Flores
\$ 500	Daniel Chen

SCHOLARSHIP
Overall Top Scoring Student - \$300
Scholarship

Daniel Chen - Merced High School

TEAM COMPETITION

SUPER QUIZ

3rd Place Winning Team

Livingston High School

2nd Place Winning Team

Buhach Colony High School

1st Place Winning team

Merced High School

(Divisions are based on ADA numbers for each participating school)

Top Scoring High School in each Division:

1st Place **Small** School

Delhi High School

1st Place **Medium** School

Livingston High School

1st Place **Large** School

Buhach Colony High School

Overall Winning Schools:

3rd Place Winning School

Golden Valley High School

2nd Place Winning School

Merced High School

1st Place Winning School going to the California Academic Decathlon and also the Large Division Winner

Buhach Colony

Team Members:

Liam Newsam

Michael Ney

Sam Samani

Andrew Shaljean

Thomas Mendoza

Adam Haskins

Ernesto Cortez

Natalie Magdaleno

Gerbin Caballero-Bello

Coach – Joshua Newton

**California Academic Decathlon
State Finals will be held virtually**

March 18 - 21, 2021

List of Participating Schools and Coaches

Buhach Colony High	Josh Newton
Delhi High	Yee Vang
El Capitan High	Michael Davenport
Golden Valley High	Adam Blauert
Le Grand High	Rich Rogers and Blair Riding
Livingston High	DeeAnn Hammond, Teresa Mercado and Crystal Sousa
Merced High	Yer Lawson and Ellen Chiesa