

Merced County Academic Decathlon  
2017 Awards

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Atwater High	Tina Jacobs
Buhach Colony High	Joshua Newton
Delhi High	Yee Vang
El Capitan High	Michael Davenport
Golden Valley High	Adam Blauert
Le Grand High	Richard Rogers
Los Baños High	Barry Reardon
Merced High	Joel Sebastian
Merced Scholars Charter	Natalie DalPorto
Valley High – Atwater	Gerald Ray
Valley High – Los Banos	Leslie Suffecool and Isabel Mendoza

**ESSAY**  
**Individual Awards**

<b>VARSITY DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Benjamin Macias</b>	<b>Golden Valley</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Paulo Campos</b>	<b>Los Banos HS</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Krishnamurti Sarkar</b>	<b>Merced HS</b>

<b>SCHOLASTIC DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Maureen Millan</b>	<b>Atwater HS</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Arturo Chavez</b>	<b>Merced HS</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Juan Ramirez</b>	<b>Delhi HS</b>

<b>HONORS DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Dayana Argueta</b>	<b>Atwater HS</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Brendan Chambers</b>	<b>Merced HS</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Crioni Cuenca</b>	<b>Buhach Colony</b>

**SPEECH**  
**Individual Awards**

<b>VARSITY DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Jared Soberanis</b>	<b>Merced Scholar Charters</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Jacob Govia</b>	<b>Atwater</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Paoloa Bedolia</b>	<b>Le Grand</b>

<b>SCHOLASTIC DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Maria Mejia</b>	<b>Le Grand</b>
	<b>John Richey</b>	<b>Merced</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Maureen Millan</b>	<b>Atwater</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Aiden Ramirez</b>	<b>El Capitan</b>

<b>HONORS DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Julianna Muncherian</b>	<b>Golden Valley</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Crioni Cuenca</b>	<b>Buhach Colony</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Dayana Argueta</b>	<b>Atwater</b>

## **INTERVIEW**

### **Individual Awards**

<b>VARSITY DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Eddie Soberanis</b>	<b>Merced Scholars Charter</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Andrea Rodriguez</b>	<b>Delhi</b>
	<b>Poala Bedolla</b>	<b>Le Grand</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Jocelyn Cornejo</b>	<b>Golden Valley</b>

<b>SCHOLASTIC DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Juan Ramirez</b>	<b>Delhi</b>
	<b>John Richey</b>	<b>Merced</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Alan Butler</b>	<b>El Capitan</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Amanjot Gandhoke</b>	<b>Atwater</b>

<b>HONORS DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Desmarie Jackson</b>	<b>Atwater</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Marcus Ca Costa</b>	<b>El Capitan</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Josette Vigil</b>	<b>Golden Valley</b>

## **MATHEMATICS**

### **Individual Awards**

<b>VARSITY DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Angel Santana</b>	<b>Atwater VCS</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Paulo Campos</b>	<b>Los Banos</b>
	<b>Matthew Crews</b>	<b>Golden Valley</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Krishnamurti Sarkar</b>	<b>Merced</b>

<b>SCHOLASTIC DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Amanjot Gandhoke</b>	<b>Atwater</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Emily Orr</b>	<b>Los Banos</b>
Gold Medal	<b>John Richey</b>	<b>Merced</b>

<b>HONORS DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Adelina Skywalker</b>	<b>Le Grand</b>
	<b>Julianna Muncherian</b>	<b>Golden Valley</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Vivek Vanga</b>	<b>Buhach Colony</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Steven Yeung</b>	<b>Merced</b>

## Social Science Individual Awards

<b>VARSITY DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Jared Soberanis</b>	<b>Merced Scholars Charter</b>
	<b>Andy Moreno</b>	<b>LeGrand</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Randoll Mason</b>	<b>Merced</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Benjamin Macias</b>	<b>Golden Valley</b>

<b>SCHOLASTIC DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Nathan Xiong</b>	<b>Merced</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Maureen Millan</b>	<b>Atwater</b>
Gold Medal	<b>John Richey</b>	<b>Merced</b>

<b>HONORS DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Steven Yeung</b>	<b>Merced</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Brendan Chambers</b>	<b>Merced</b>
Gold Medal	<b>William Ortiz</b>	<b>Le Grand</b>

**ART**  
**Individual Awards**

<b>VARSITY DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Paulo Campos</b>	<b>Los Banos</b>
	<b>Jocelyn Cornejo</b>	<b>Golden valley</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Benjamin Macias</b>	<b>Golden Valley</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Randoll Mason</b>	<b>Merced</b>

<b>SCHOLASTIC DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Nathan Xiong</b>	<b>Merced</b>
	<b>Maureen Millan</b>	<b>Atwater</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Ashley Morales</b>	<b>Buhach Colony</b>
Gold Medal	<b>John Richey</b>	<b>Merced</b>

<b>HONORS DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Steven Yeung</b>	<b>Merced</b>
Silver Medal	<b>William Ortiz</b>	<b>Le Grand</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Nicholas Sizemore</b>	

**MUSIC**  
**Individual Awards**

<b>VARSITY DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	Angel Santan	Golden Valley
	<b>Andy Moreno</b>	<b>Le Grand</b>
	<b>Paola Bedolla</b>	<b>Le Grand</b>
	<b>Juliana Jorge</b>	<b>Atwater</b>
	<b>Randoll Mason</b>	<b>Merced</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Ramces Castillo</b>	<b>Merced Scholars Charter</b>
	<b>Rolando Serna</b>	<b>Atwater VCS</b>
	<b>Andrew Rodriguez</b>	<b>Delhi</b>
	<b>Benjamin Macias</b>	<b>Golden Valley</b>
	<b>Jocelyn Cornejo</b>	<b>Golden Valley</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Eddie Soberanis</b>	<b>Merced Scholars Charter</b>

<b>SCHOLASTIC DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Maria Mejia</b>	<b>Le Grand</b>
	<b>Gabriel Navarro Jr</b>	<b>Delhi</b>
	<b>Elena Gutierrez</b>	<b>Los Banos</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Hunter Simental-Ruybe</b>	<b>Golden Valley</b>



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Gold Medal	<b>John Richey</b>	<b>Merced</b>
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<b>HONORS DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Adelina Skywalker</b>	<b>Le Grand</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Julianna Muncherian</b>	<b>Golden Valley</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Evie Andrade</b>	<b>Golden Valley</b>

## **ECONOMICS**

### **Individual Awards**

<b>VARSITY DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Jacob Govia</b>	<b>Atwater</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Andy Moreno</b>	<b>Le Grand</b>
	<b>Krishnamurti Sarkar</b>	<b>Merced</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Jocelyn Cornejo</b>	<b>Golden Valley</b>

<b>SCHOLASTIC DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Hunter Simental-Ruybe</b>	<b>Golden Valley</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Nathan Xion</b>	<b>Merced</b>
Gold Medal	<b>John Richey</b>	<b>Merced</b>

<b>HONORS DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Adelina Skywalker</b>	<b>Le Grand</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Steven Yeung</b>	<b>Merced</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Nicholas Sizemore</b>	<b>Merced</b>

## **LANGUAGE & LITERATURE**

### **Individual Awards**

<b>VARSITY DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Randoll Mason</b>	<b>Merced</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Jocelyn Cornejo</b>	<b>Golden Valley</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Paola Bedolla</b>	<b>Le Grand</b>

<b>SCHOLASTIC DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Arturo Chavez</b>	<b>Merced</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Nathan Xiong</b>	<b>Merced</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Ashley Morales</b>	<b>Buhach Colony</b>

<b>HONORS DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Destiny Murillo</b>	<b>Le Grand</b>
	<b>Brendan Chambers</b>	<b>Merced</b>
Silver Medal	<b>William Ortiz</b>	<b>Le Grand</b>
	<b>Josette Vigil</b>	<b>Golden Valley</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Steven Yeung</b>	<b>Merced</b>

**SCIENCE**  
**Individual Awards**

<b>VARSITY DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Melissa Prado</b> <b>Randoll Mason</b>	<b>Le Grand</b> <b>Merced</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Krishnamurti Sarkar</b>	<b>Merced</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Benjamin Macias</b>	<b>Golden Valley</b>

<b>SCHOLASTIC DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Arturo Chavez</b>	<b>Merced</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Ashley Morales</b>	<b>Buhach Colony</b>
Gold Medal	<b>John Richey</b>	<b>Merced</b>

<b>HONORS DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Julianna Muncherian</b>	<b>Golden Valley</b>
Silver Medal	<b>William Ortiz</b> <b>Steven Yeung</b>	<b>Le Grand</b> <b>Merced</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Nicholas Sizemore</b>	<b>Merced</b>

## **MOST IMPROVED STUDENT PER TEAM**

Atwater High	<b>Paula Martinez</b>
Buhach Colony High	<b>Crioni Cuenca</b>
Delhi High	<b>Maria Gutierrez Chavez</b>
El Capitan	<b>Aidan Ramirez</b>
Golden Valley High	<b>Benjamin Macias</b>
Le Grand High	<b>Aide Zavala</b>
Los Baños High	<b>Paulo Campos</b>
Merced High	<b>Nathan Xiong</b>
Merced Scholars	<b>Ramces Castillo</b>
Valley Community – Atwater	<b>Cesar Granados</b>
Valley Community – Los Baños	<b>Zipora Garcia</b>

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Atwater High	<b>Alondra Avalos</b>
Buhach Colony High	<b>Vivek Vanga</b>
Delhi High	<b>Jeanette Chico</b>
El Capitan	<b>Alex Gueorguieva</b>
Golden Valley High	<b>Julianna Muncherian</b>
Le Grand High	<b>William Ortiz</b>
Los Baños High	<b>Emily Orr</b>
Merced High	<b>Steven Yeung</b>
Merced Scholars Charter	<b>Jared Soberanis</b>
Valley Community – Atwater	<b>Angel Santan</b>
Valley Community – Los Baños	<b>Max Cardenas</b>

**Overall Top Scoring Student of the Day**  
*(1 Large Plaque)*

**Steven Yeung – Merced High**

## Robert Wayne Scholarships

These scholarships are named for Mr. Robert Wayne, one of the founders of the Merced County Academic Decathlon and the Merced School Employees Federal Credit Union. Mr. Wayne never missed a decathlon board meeting and also convinced the Merced School Employees Federal Credit Union to match each team's entry fee to fund these scholarships. Upon his retirement from the Decathlon Board due to ill health, the board decided to name their annual scholarships in honor of Mr. Wayne's tireless effort on behalf of the students of Merced County. I am sad to report that Mr. Wayne passed away several years ago but his contribution to the students of Merced County lives on in this competition.

These scholarships are given to three students in each team. \$500 is awarded to the highest scoring student on the team. The highest scoring students in the other two divisions each receive a \$250 scholarship. These scholarships are available to the winners for college expenses.

### ATWATER HIGH

\$ 250	<b>Juliana Jorge</b>
\$ 250	<b>Maureen Millan</b>
\$ 500	<b>Alondra Avalos</b>

### BUHACH COLONY HIGH

\$ 250	<b>Ashley Morales</b>
\$ 250	<b>Crioni Cuenca</b>
\$ 500	<b>Vivek Vanga</b>

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**DELHI HIGH**

\$ 250	<b>Andrea Rodriguez</b>
\$ 250	<b>Juan Ramirez</b>
\$ 500	<b>Jeanette Chico</b>

**EL CAPITAN HIGH**

\$ 250	<b>Alan Butler</b>
\$ 250	<b>Jesus Delgado-Navarrete</b>
\$ 500	<b>Alex Gueorguieva</b>

**GOLDEN VALLEY**

\$ 250	<b>Benjamin Macias</b>
\$ 250	<b>Hunter Simental_Rube</b>
\$ 500	<b>Juliann Muncherian</b>

**LE GRAND HIGH**

\$ 250	<b>Maria Mejia</b>
\$ 250	<b>Paola Bedolla</b>
\$ 500	<b>William Ortiz</b>



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**LOS BANOS HIGH**

\$ 250	<b>Ashley Goshay</b>
\$ 250	<b>Paulo Campos</b>
\$ 500	<b>Emily Orr</b>

**MERCED HIGH**

\$ 250	<b>John Richey</b>
\$ 250	<b>Krishnamurti Sarkar</b>
\$ 500	<b>Steven Yeung</b>

**MERCED SCHOLARS CHARTER**

\$ 250	<b>Lizbeth Reyes</b>
\$ 250	<b>Ramces Castillo</b>
\$ 500	<b>Jared Soberanis</b>

**VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL – ATWATER**

\$ 250	<b>Harleen Cheema</b>
\$ 250	<b>Quentin Taylor</b>
\$ 500	<b>Angel Santana</b>

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**VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL – LOS BANOS**

\$ 250

**Evan Dominguez**

\$ 250

**Mathew Sandoval**

\$ 500

**Max Cardenas**

## **TEAM COMPETITION**

### **SUPER QUIZ**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winning Team *(Bronze Medal for Each Team Member)*

**Los Banos**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winning Team *(Silver Medal for Each Team Member)*

**Golden Valley  
Le Grand**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Winning team *(Gold Medals for each team member AND Large Team  
Plaque)*

**Merced**

**Top Scoring High School in each Division:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place **Small** School (*1 plaque*)

**Le Grand**

1<sup>st</sup> Place **Medium** School (*1 plaque*)

**Delhi**

1<sup>st</sup> Place **Large** School (*1 Plaque*)

**Merced**

**Overall Winning Schools:**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** Winning School

*(Small Plaque for Team & Bronze Medals for Each Team Member)*

**Le Grand**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** Winning School

*(Medium Plaque for Team & Silver Medals for Each Team Member)*

**Golden Valley**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** Winning School going to the California Academic Decathlon  
*(Large Plaque for Team and Gold Medal AND small plaque for Each Team Member)*

**Merced**

**Team Members:**

**Nicholas Sizemore**

**Brendan Chambers**

**Steven Yeung**

**John Richey**

**Nathan Xiong**

**Arturo Chavez**

**Krishnamurti Sarkar**

**Randoll Mason**

**Coach - Joel Sebastian**

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

**Sacramento  
March 23 - 26, 2017**

**Would all the recipients of Robert Wayne Scholarships please remain on the stage after dismissal. We will be taking photographs.**

Let's give our winning team a rousing send off!

Thank you for your support of the  
Merced County Academic Decathlon.

One more time, let's hear it for our DECATHLETES!

Please drive carefully!