

# 2019 Merced County Academic Decathlon

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## Schools and coaches

Buhach Colony High	Joshua Newton
Delhi High	Yee Vang
El Capitan High	Michael Davenport
Golden Valley High	Adam Blauert
Le Grand High	Rich Rogers
Livingston High	DeeAnn Hammond,
Los Baños High	Barry Reardon
Merced High	Yer Lawson and Ellen Chiesa
Valley High – Atwater	Gerald Ray and Crystal Sousa
Valley High – Los Banos	Isabel Mendoza

## Awards will be presented by

Carrie Harkreader, Principal	Valley Community School Atwater
Kevin Swartwood, Principal	Golden Valley High School
Joel Sebastian, Associate Principal	Merced High School

# ESSAY

## Individual Awards

<b>VARSITY DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Sofia Urtiz</b>	<b>El Capitan</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Nickolas Rodriquez</b>	<b>Golden Valley</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Ethan Jaimes</b>	<b>Merced</b>

<b>SCHOLASTIC DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Dylan Ward</b>	<b>Livingston</b>
Silver Medal	<b>James Phillips</b>	<b>Merced</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Paulo Campos</b>	<b>Los Banos</b>

<b>HONORS DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Derrick Ma</b>	<b>El Capitan</b>
Silver Medal	<b>David Chen</b>	<b>Merced</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Josette Vigil</b>	<b>Merced</b>

## **SPEECH**

### **Individual Awards**

<b>VARSITY DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Ruben Villagomez</b>	<b>Le Grand</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Ethan Jaimes</b>	<b>Merced</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Francisco Valenzuela-Mora</b>	<b>Livingston</b>

<b>SCHOLASTIC DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>James Phillips</b>	<b>Merced</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Mykel Lara</b>	<b>Los Banos</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Sam Samani</b>	<b>Buhach</b>

<b>HONORS DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Vivek Vanga</b>	<b>Buhach</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Kate Colvin</b>	<b>Merced</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Lucca Lorenzi</b>	<b>Golden Valley</b>

## **INTERVIEW**

### **Individual Awards**

<b>VARSITY DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Lily Joyner</b>	<b>Golden Valley</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Nickolas Rodriguez</b>	<b>Delhi</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Franccitta Hipolito</b>	<b>VCS Los Banos</b>

<b>SCHOLASTIC DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Aiden Ramirez</b>	<b>El Capitan</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Andrea Rodriguez</b>	<b>Delhi</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Andrea Lopez</b>	<b>VCS Los Banos</b>

<b>HONORS DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Hunter Simental-Ruybe</b>	<b>Golden Valley</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Kate Colvin</b> <b>David Chen</b> <b>Lucca Lorenzi</b>	<b>Merced</b> <b>Merced</b> <b>Golden Valley</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Vivek Vanga</b>	<b>Buhach</b>

## **MATHEMATICS**

### **Individual Awards**

<b>VARSITY DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Francisco Valenzuela-Mora</b>	<b>Livingston</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Jayson Stevenson</b>	<b>Los Banos</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Ethan Jaimes</b>	<b>Merced</b>

<b>SCHOLASTIC DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Jacqueline Alvarez-Reynoso</b>	<b>Golden Valley</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Brian Hartman</b>	<b>Golden Valley</b>
Gold Medal	<b>James Phillips</b>	<b>Merced</b>

<b>HONORS DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Vivek Vanga</b>	<b>Buhach</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Kate Colvin</b> <b>Kaia Newsam</b>	<b>Merced</b> <b>Buhach</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Derrick Ma</b> <b>Laura Ness</b> <b>David Chen</b>	<b>El Capitan</b> <b>Merced</b> <b>Merced</b>

## **Social Science Individual Awards**

<b>VARSITY DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Alberto Vidauri</b>	<b>Golden Valley</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Guadalupe Orozco</b>	<b>Buhach</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Ethan Jaimes</b>	<b>Merced</b>

<b>SCHOLASTIC DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>James Phillips</b>	<b>Merced</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Sam Samani</b>	<b>Buhach</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Michael Navarro</b>	<b>Delhi</b>

<b>HONORS DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Kate Colvin</b>	<b>Merced</b>
Silver Medal	<b>David Chen</b>	<b>Merced</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Laura Ness</b>	<b>Merced</b>

**ART**  
**Individual Awards**

<b>VARSITY DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Lily Joyner</b>	<b>Golden Valley</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Guadalupe Orozco</b>	<b>Buhach</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Ethan Jaimes</b>	<b>Merced</b>

<b>SCHOLASTIC DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Jacqueline Alvarez-Reynoso</b>	<b>Golden Valley</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Amahd Brezell</b>	<b>VCS Los Banos</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Sam Samani James Phillips Aaron Dangc</b>	<b>Buhach Merced Golden Valley</b>

<b>HONORS DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>David Chen</b>	<b>Merced</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Caroline Lau</b>	<b>Buhach</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Laura Ness</b>	<b>Merced</b>

## **MUSIC**

### **Individual Awards**

<b>VARSITY DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Nickolas Rodriquez Albert Vidauri Jimmy Greer Gabriel McInerney</b>	<b>Golden Valley Golden Valley Los Banos VCS Los Banos</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Lily Joyner</b>	<b>Golden Valley</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Uriel Gopar Guadalupe Orozco</b>	<b>Buhach Buhach</b>

<b>SCHOLASTIC DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Ariel Acevedo</b>	<b>Buhach</b>
Silver Medal	<b>James Phillips</b>	<b>Merced</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Aaron Magsalay</b>	<b>Merced</b>

<b>HONORS DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Caroline Lau</b>	<b>Buhach</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Kate Colvin</b>	<b>Merced</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Laura Ness</b>	<b>Merced</b>



## **ECONOMICS**

### **Individual Awards**

<b>VARSITY DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Francisco Valenzuela-Mora</b>	<b>Livingston</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Damien Gonzales-Pesqueira</b>	<b>VCS Atwater</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Ethan Jaimes</b>	<b>Merced</b>

<b>SCHOLASTIC DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Brian Hartman</b>	<b>Golden Valley</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Mykel Lara</b>	<b>Los Banos</b>
Gold Medal	<b>James Phillips</b>	

<b>HONORS DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Derrick Ma</b>	<b>El Capitan</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Kate Colvin</b>	<b>Merced</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Laura Ness David Chen</b>	<b>Merced</b>

## **LANGUAGE & LITERATURE**

### **Individual Awards**

<b>VARSITY DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Ruben Villagomez</b>	<b>Le Grand</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Francisco Valenzuela-Mora</b> <b>Guadalupe Orozco</b>	<b>Livingston</b> <b>Buhach</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Ethan Jaimes</b>	<b>Merced</b>

<b>SCHOLASTIC DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Mykel Lara</b>	<b>Los Banos</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Jacqueline Alvarez-Reynoso</b>	<b>Golden Valley</b>
Gold Medal	<b>James Phillips</b>	<b>Merced</b>

<b>HONORS DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Kate Colvin</b>	<b>Merced</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Caroline Lau</b>	<b>Buhach</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Laura Ness</b>	<b>Merced</b>

## **SCIENCE**

### **Individual Awards**

<b>VARSITY DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Arturo Fiero</b>	<b>Los Banos</b>
Silver Medal	<b>Uriel Gopar</b>	<b>Buhach</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Ethan Jaimes</b>	<b>Merced</b>

<b>SCHOLASTIC DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Brian Hartman</b>	<b>Golden Valley</b>
Silver Medal	<b>James Phillips</b>	<b>Merced</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Mykel Lara</b>	<b>Los Banos</b>

<b>HONORS DIVISION</b>		
Bronze Medal	<b>Derrick Ma</b>	<b>El Capitan</b>
Silver Medal	<b>David Chen</b>	<b>Merced</b>
Gold Medal	<b>Laura Ness</b>	<b>Merced</b>

## **MOST IMPROVED STUDENT PER TEAM**

Buhach Colony High	<b>Uriel Gopar</b>
Delhi High	<b>Tarnpreet Randhawa</b>
El Capitan	<b>Mike Davenport</b>
Golden Valley High	<b>Alberto Vidauri</b>
Le Grand High	<b>Maria Guardado</b>
Livingston High	<b>Krystalin Carlos</b>
Los Baños High	<b>Jason Stevenson</b>
Merced High	<b>Ethan Jaimes</b>
Valley Community – Atwater	<b>Jesus Simental</b>
Valley Community – Los Baños	<b>Franccitta Hipolito</b>

## **Top Scoring Student on Each Team**

Buhach Colony High	<b>Kaia Newsam</b>
Delhi High	<b>Michael Navarro</b>
El Capitan	<b>Derrick Ma</b>
Golden Valley High	<b>Lucca Lorenzi</b>
Le Grand High	<b>Riley Lopez</b>
Livingston High	<b>Jonathan Asai</b>
Los Baños High	<b>Sidney Carrigan</b>
Merced High	<b>Laura Ness</b>
Valley Community – Atwater	<b>Damien Gonzales-Pesqueira</b>
Valley Community – Los Baños	<b>Andrea Lopez</b>

**Overall Top Scoring Student of the Day - \$300 Scholarship**

**Laura Ness – Merced**

## **Robert Wayne Scholarships**

\$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.

### **BUHACH HIGH**

\$ 250	<b>Uriel Gopar</b>
\$ 250	<b>Sam Samani</b>
\$ 500	<b>Kaia Newsam</b>

### **DELHI HIGH**

\$ 250	<b>Ailene Salazar</b>
\$ 250	<b>Tarnpreet Randhawa</b>
\$ 500	<b>Michael Navarro</b>

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**EL CAPITAN HIGH**

\$ 250	<b>Sofia Urtiz</b>
\$ 250	<b>Aiden Ramirez</b>
\$ 500	<b>Derrick Ma</b>

**GOLDEN VALLEY**

\$ 250	<b>Alberto Vidauri</b>
\$ 250	<b>Brian Hartman</b>
\$ 500	<b>Lucca Lorenzi</b>

**LE GRAND HIGH**

\$ 250	<b>Ruben Villagomez</b>
\$ 250	<b>Cristal Almanza</b>
\$ 500	<b>Riley Lopez</b>

**LIVINGSTON HIGH**

\$ 250	<b>Francisco Valenzuela-Mora</b>
\$ 250	<b>Dylan Ward</b>
\$ 500	<b>Jonathan Asai</b>

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**LOS BANOS HIGH**

\$ 250	<b>Jayson Stevenson</b>
\$ 250	<b>Paulo Campos</b>
\$ 500	<b>Sidney Carrigan</b>

**MERCED HIGH**

\$ 250	<b>Ethan Jaimes</b>
\$ 250	<b>James Phillips</b>
\$ 500	<b>Laura Ness</b>

**VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL – ATWATER**

\$ 250	<b>Jessie Diaz</b>
\$ 250	<b>Olivia Hambrecht</b>
\$ 500	<b>Damien Gonzales- Pesqueira</b>

**VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL – LOS BANOS**

\$ 250	<b>Haylee Sutton</b>
\$ 250	<b>Yarely Ceron-Barrera</b>
\$ 500	<b>Andrea Lopez</b>



## TEAM COMPETITION

### **SUPER QUIZ**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winning Team      **Golden Valley**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winning Team      **Buhach**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Winning team      **Merced**

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

1<sup>st</sup> Place **Small** School  
**Le Grand**

1<sup>st</sup> Place **Medium** School  
**Los Banos**

1<sup>st</sup> Place **Large** School  
**Merced**

**Overall Winning Schools:**

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

**Golden Valley**

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

**Buhach Colony**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** Winning School going to the California Academic Decathlon

**Merced**

**Team Members:**

**Kate Colvin**

**Laura Ness**

**David Chen**

**Aaron Magsalay**

**James Phillips**

**Nathalie Flores**

**Ethan Jaimes**

**Demetri Pantoja**

**Coach – Yer Lawson & Ellen Chiesa**