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Campolindo High School Named 2016 East County Regional Academic Decathlon Champion

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Campolindo's Academic Decathlon team Photo Diane Morrell, CCCOE

Campolindo High School won the 2016 East County Regional Academic Decathlon Feb. 10 for the sixth straight year. Along with being the East Bay Regional winner, the team will also represent Contra Costa County in the California State Academic Decathlon competition. Following Campolindo were Las Lomas High School (Walnut Creek), second place; and Dublin High School, third place. Teams from Acalanes and Miramonte also participated in the event.

Directed by the Contra Costa County Office of Education (CCCOE) and with the assistance of community volunteers, the 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 subjects in the competition include art, economics, literature, mathematics, music, science, social science, essay,

interview, and speech (prepared and impromptu) - plus the SuperQuiz.

Approximately, 120 participating high school students have been studying and preparing for this event with their coaches since September. This year's Academic Decathlon theme was "India."

Along with earning their sixth consecutive year as Contra Costa County's Academic Decathlon champion, Campolindo was also last year's national Academic Decathlon winner in the Medium School Category. 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).

The Campolindo team will represent Contra Costa County at the California State Academic Decathlon, to be held in Sacramento, March 17-20.

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