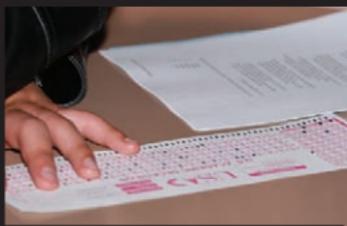# Orange County

Academic

Decathlon

Promoting a competitive edge for college and career

What Is the Orange County Academic Decathlon (OCAD)?

Like its ancient Greek counterpart, Academic Decathlon is a ten event contest where A, B, and C-level high school students work as teams to compete in the areas of language and literature, science, mathematics, social science, economics, art, music, essay, interview, and speech.

The competition culminates with an exciting Super Quiz relay, a team event where parents and classmates cheer from the sidelines, much like a sporting event. Each team aspires to compete at the state or national level.

Students report that Academic Decathlon supports their academic growth while helping them find a sense of belonging and the self-confidence to pursue a future they may not have imagined.

Academic Decathlon fosters teamwork and builds 21st century skills.

Academic Decathlon celebrates success.

Student Success Stories

Self-Confidence

" *OCAD has personally taught me the values of leadership, cooperation, and commitment. The competition provides a foundation upon which students are able to not only share academic achievement, but to also transform teamwork into friendships and develop lifetime skills in public speaking and interviews.* "

- Christina Nguyen, Harvard University

Support

" *Decathlon is unforgettable. It is so much more than an academic competition. It is understanding yourself as a person and in the eyes of others; it is those late nights with your team who eventually become your family; it is realizing you can do what you set out to do – together.* "

- Khue Tran, University of California, San Diego
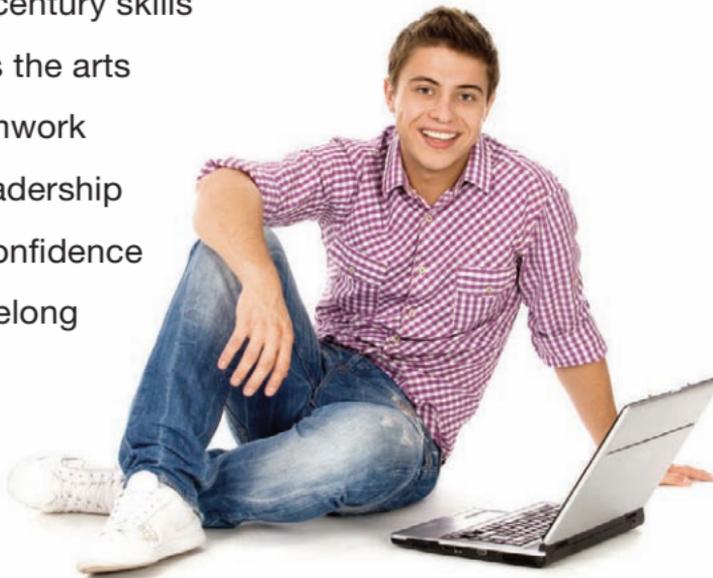
Success

" *OCAD changed my life. I began as a troubled sophomore, and left as the Team Captain. I learned that, like OCAD, life is a series of tests and trials, and we must meet them not only with knowledge and understanding, but with commitment. It's not only the score on the paper that matters, it is how much we grow and the things we learn about ourselves by rising up to the challenges.* "

- Eric Post, Saddleback College

What Makes Academic Decathlon a Winning Program for Students?

- Increases academic achievement
- Improves study habits
- Builds 21st century skills
- Incorporates the arts
- Fosters teamwork
- Develops leadership
- Cultivates confidence
- Promotes lifelong learning

Academic Decathlon helps level the playing field for students with varying GPAs.

You Can Make a Difference. Become a Champion for OCAD.

Your contribution will directly support:

- Increased student participation
- College scholarships
- Medals and awards for students
- Outreach to involve at-risk students
- Sustaining the program

The most meaningful triumph will be the satisfaction of knowing that you helped to provide students with a life-changing experience they will never forget.

Orange County Academic Decathlon needs your support.

Yes, I Would Like to Be a Champion for OCAD.

❏ $25   ❏ $50   ❏ $75   ❏ $100   ❏ Other: _____

Please make checks payable to OCAD Association and mail to: P.O. Box 9050, Costa Mesa, CA, 92628

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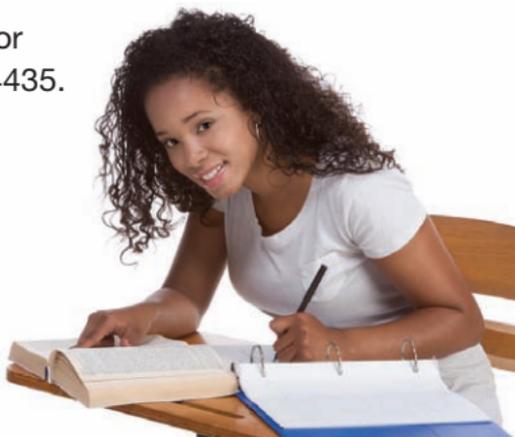
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Phone: _____ Email: _____

❏ I prefer to remain anonymous.

Corporate sponsorship opportunities are also available, which include various levels of recognition for your organization.

Please contact Kristin Rigby for more information at 714.966.4435.

Donate online at
www.ocde.us/decathlon

Founded in 1968 by Robert Peterson, Ed.D., former County Superintendent of Schools, the Orange County Academic Decathlon serves as the model for all the prestigious Academic Decathlon events that now exist at the state and national levels.

For more information:

Call 714.966.4435 or visit www.ocde.us/decathlon

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