Kansas Academic Decathlon
Kansas State University

The Great Depression

2011

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Mission Statement

The mission of the United States Academic Decathlon is to promote and recognize learning and achievement by emphasizing the value of academic excellence for all students, and by fostering fair and challenging local, state and national Academic Decathlon team competitions for high school students. The USAD endeavors to provide enriching educational experiences that combine the relevant study of cultural and critical topics with strong reasoning and interpersonal skills. The value of the competitions, projects and activities lies in each participant stretching his or her capacities and bonding with others. The emphasis is on the personal growth of each student, who, by meeting the challenges with honesty and integrity, reaps the rewards of greater self-knowledge and self-confidence.
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Welcome to Kansas State University and the Kansas Academic Decathlon. K-State extends a warm and friendly welcome to each of you, and I hope that your visit to our campus and your competitions in the Decathlon will be successful. Your individual and team efforts of dedication, determination, and persistence will allow you to compete with the best that our state has to offer. The host committee, sponsored by Mortar Board and with the help and support of K-State faculty and students, has prepared an exciting weekend of competition and fun.

All of the sponsors of the Kansas Academic Decathlon would like to Congratulate you on your efforts toward this competition, and we look forward to hearing of your success.

Sincerely,
Dr. Pat Bosco
KSU VP of Student Life & Host Committee member

Service to Kansas Academic Decathlon is a full-time, detail-oriented job that requires skill, dedication and persistence. The following Kansas leaders serve year-round as your Board of Directors and volunteers. These leaders work tirelessly to ensure the high level of excellence that has become the hallmark of every Kansas Academic Decathlon competition. Please let them know you appreciate their hard work and foresight.

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3:30 PM  Campus Tour (optional)
2:00-4:30  Check-In and Team Pictures, Ground Floor, K-State Student Union
5:00-5:30  General Assembly and Welcome, Forum Hall, K-State Student Union
5:40-9:30  Interview & Speech, Essay Test (See Packet for Test Locations)
9:00-10:30* Friday Social*, Snacks, and Drinks, Union Station

SATURDAY JANUARY 22

9:00-9:45 AM  Coaches Meeting, Union 206
9:00-9:30  Economics Test
9:35-10:05  Mathematics Test
10:00-11:45  KSAD Board Meeting, Union 206
10:05-10:30  Break
10:35-11:05  Social Science Test
11:10-11:40  Language and Literature
11:45-12:15  Art Test
12:15-1:25 PM  Lunch on Your Own
1:30-2:00  Music Test
2:05-2:35  Written Individual Super Quiz
2:40-2:55  Break
3:00-4:15  Team Super Quiz, Forum Hall
4:45-6:30*  Awards Banquet*, Union Ballroom

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
DINNER
SPEECH SHOWCASE
AWARDS CEREMONY

*Included in Participant / Coach Fee

Team Headquarters are located on the Tables in Food Court Area
Lost? Questions? Please visit Union 212
Bishop Ward

Mary Lane, Coach
Jacob Cushing
Andrew Kump
Heather MacPherson
Elizabeth Breitenstein

Dalinuel Howard
Madison Lally
Marla Gritzan
Audaur Kountz
Rashad Singleton

Blue Valley North

Jonah Baldwin, Coach
Karthik Chellamuthu
Susanth Kumar
Rex Tai
Elizabeth Hensley
Jocelyn Schulz

Adam Smith
Foster Mathison
Marcel VanDerMerwe
Alexander Fortunato
Michael Zhou

Blue Valley West

Pam Fellingham, Coach
Danna Ahnemann, Coach
Alina Rozenbaum
Jon Ford
Nick Luthi
Casper Lee
Damian Mastylo
Phil Gasser

Ethan Nicholls
Jared Fetter
Emily Binshtok
Josh Thibaudeau
Peter Bushman

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Matara Hitchcock
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Liran Ziegelman
Justin Nguyen
Ethan Malone

Eli Freeman
Michael Rexroat
Kyle Drum
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Kayla Yi

Bonner Springs

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Tre Scott
Riley Mortensen
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Zach Reed

Paul Dykes
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Scott Sheets
Maria Schletzbaum

Thomas Schukai
Collin Christensen
Anna Blair

Olathe South

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Leiming Tang
Vikram Lakhanpal
Robbie Winslow
Brian Kearney-Spaw

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Aiden Bone
Hyrum Davis

Shawnee Mission East

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Michelle Lu
Boyan Patev

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Yizhou Li
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**Shawnee Mission North**
Cheryl Herrelson-Lewis, Coach
Tristan Abbott
Elaine Steve
Goldia Kiteck
Jeremy Muller
Sean Holloway
Craig Vandervelden
Jon Tanner
Patrick Pettibone
Ali Oguz
Collin Braden

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Kirk Bado
Toni Britt
Hannah Sharpe
Mitch Dow
Alex Dang
Liz Mullin
Blaine Ragsdale
YihWen Huynh
Melissa Balino
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Emily Chambers
Courtney Faber

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Hope Jasperson
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Brett Wagner
Paul Goodwin
Dominique Webb
Nathaniel Routh
Shaina Winston
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Nathan Thimmesch
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Ashley Hung

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Megan Smith
Layne Viets
Hannah Wilhelm
Tanner Clow
Axel Maldonado
Destini Barcelona
Karthik Kailash
Cesar Luna

**University Academy**
Joshua Burdette, Coach
Gail Junod, Coach
Jesse Schaaf
Joshua Woods
Osasere Eke
Travis Burtin
Preston Williams
Destiny Abercrombie
Jalen Ashford
Cheyenne Albright
Demond Jones

**Washburn Rural**
Matt Mosher, Coach
Joe Hutchinson
Brenden Kearney
Andrea Marshbank
Kayla DuBois
Joshu Marple
Joel Stratton
Tyler Bodenhamer
Daniel McCreaden
Nick Wagner
Amanda Pierson
Cheatl2ng
If a proctor finds a contestant involved in any unauthorized communication or using any type of crib sheet, the proctor must report the incident to the State Director. The decision of the State Director will be final and irrevocable.

Identification
All test materials pertaining to an individual contestant must contain his or her computer identification number in order to be acceptable for scoring. Any materials not containing the computer identification number will not be accepted as a valid form.

Leaving the Testing Room
If a contestant must leave the testing room for any reason, he or she must secure the permission of the proctor, and the time lost may not be made up under any circumstances.

Super Quiz Spectators
This event is held in the Forum Hall of the K-State Student Union before a large audience; therefore, spectators are requested to be as quiet as possible during questioning in order to give each contestant an equal opportunity to answer all questions fully.

Tardiness
Contestants are charged with the responsibility of being in the proper testing room at the time each test begins. If a contestant is tardy, he or she will not be allowed to make up for lost time. If a contestant is lost, please refer to the map of the Union, university or community in this book. If you have other questions, contact an event organizer.

Test Materials
The room proctor will supply all materials necessary for taking the various written tests. Contestants are NOT permitted to bring additional materials or equipment to the Kansas Academic Decathlon. A four-function or scientific calculator may be used during the mathematics competition only.

Visitors
All visitors are required to adhere to all written guidelines at the registration / information desk. Visitors are NOT allowed in the testing rooms.

Appeals
All appeals must be placed in writing and submitted to the Kansas Academic Decathlon headquarters at the first break following the testing period in question.

Emergencies
In case of an emergency, contact a Mortar Board member.
USAD Calculator Policy
The Decathlon has always endeavored to reflect current High school curriculum and instruction in our competitions. Recent surveys of calculator use in high schools nationwide indicate that calculators are now used in the vast majority of high school mathematics courses across the country, and our decision to allow calculators is consistent with this practice in math instruction. After reviewing the policies of the major testing institutions and consulting state directors, USAD has adopted MOST of the American College Testing (ACT) and College Board (SAT program) guidelines for calculator use as stated below.

Competitors May Use Calculators for the Mathematics Test
If competitors wish to use calculators on the USAD Mathematics Test, they are responsible for bringing them to the test. Calculators will not be provided for students who do not bring their own. Calculator use is permitted only for Mathematics; competitors will not be allowed to use calculators on any other test.

Permissible Calculators
If a competitor wishes to use a calculator, it can be only a basic, four-function, scientific calculator, provided it has none of the features.

Prohibited Calculators
Calculators with any of the following features are NOT allowed in USAD competitions: models classified as graphing calculators, pocket organizers, handheld or laptop computers, electronic writing pads or pen-input devices, models with an alphabetic (QWERTY) keypad, e.g. T1-92 or HP-95, models with paper tape, models that make noise, models that engage in wireless communication (transfer data or information with other calculators,) models that require a power cord and models with CAS (computer algebra systems), e.g. T1-89. Because companies are continuously introducing new products, it would be impossible for USAD to maintain an up-to-date list of specific model numbers that possess these features. If a competitor is uncertain whether a particular calculator will be allowed, the student should bring a backup that does not possess any of the features in question. No backup calculator will be provided for any competitor whose calculator is disallowed.

Competing without a Calculator
Competitors may opt to take the Mathematics Test without a calculator; however, USAD suggests competitors use a basic scientific calculator for solving the trigonometry test items.

Calculator Failure During a Test
If a competitor’s calculator stops working during a test, the student should continue taking the test without a calculator. No additional calculator will be provided, and the competitor will not be allowed to take the test again later. However, a competitor may bring a backup calculator and/or spare batteries to the test.
Promoting Teamwork

Each team has nine members, and each student must enter all ten events. To broaden participation, students are selected from three different academic levels. Three students are in the honor category, with grade averages of 3.75-4.00; three others are in the scholastic category, with grade averages of 3.00-3.74; the final three participants are in the varsity category, with grade averages of 2.00-2.99.

Stimulating Intellectual Growth

Team members are tested in the fields of music, fine arts, language and literature, mathematics, science and social science. In addition, students write an essay, participate in an interview, and deliver a prepared speech.

Generating Excitement

Super Quiz requires the nine member teams to perform as a unit before a large, enthusiastic audience. As answers are given to the questions, scores are displayed in large numbers on table score stands. The answers are given; scores change, excitement builds, and cheering sections erupt with an overwhelming amount of enthusiasm for their favorite team. The official winner of the Super Quiz is announced immediately following the event, and the response from team members and the audience is nothing short of sheer joy. To determine an overall Academic Decathlon team champion, points earned by the top two scoring individuals from each grade point division are compiled for the total score for each team. The team with the highest overall score is crowned state champion. With the generous financial support of USA Funds, individual students are also recognized with medals and special awards. Top students in each grade point division are presented $500 awards to be used toward college/academic expenses. The winning teams from state competition will advance to the national finals of the United States Academic Decathlon in April.

Reaching More Students

Since beginning more than a decade ago, the interest in Kansas Academic Decathlon has continued to grow and spread across the entire state. With its annual competition held and sponsored for over ten years in Manhattan, Kansas, at K-State, the number of school participants has risen by nearly fifty percent over the past five years alone. With strong community, university, and USA Funds support, the Kansas Academic Decathlon has improved its quality of competition for its participants every year.
Involving Mortar Board

While some states rely on large school districts or corporate entities to coordinate their state competitions, Kansas allows students to help students. Ever since the Kansas Academic Decathlon adopted K-State as its home, Mortar Board has served as its guardian. By organizing nearly every issue from collecting sponsorships, to publishing this conference book, and arranging all conference accommodations to setting up academic events, college honor students are able to utilize their leadership experiences to assist their high school colleagues. The work of the entire membership from the K-State chapter of Mortar Board makes the very existence of Kansas Academic Decathlon a logistical possibility.

Partnering Across the State

While Mortar Board has taken on a large leadership role with Academic Decathlon, many other leaders work every day to ensure this competition's success. Within this publication is a list of those leaders.

Purpose Statement

The Academic Decathlon program provides opportunities for students to experience the challenges of rigorous team and individual competition. It is designed to:

-- Develop a greater respect for knowledge,
-- Promote inter-school academic competition,
-- Emphasize the need for communication skills,
-- Stimulate intellectual growth and achievement and development of team efforts.
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INTERVIEW ........................................................
SPEECH .............................................................
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MUSIC ...............................................................
WRITTEN SUPER QUIZ ........................................
INDIVIDUAL OVERALL HIGH SCORER ..................
TOP-SCORING INDIVIDUAL FROM EACH SCHOOL ....

* AWARDS ARE READ BY
Division II: Alternates, Varsity, Scholastic, Honors;
Division I: Varsity, Scholastic, Honors

SCHOLASTIC AWARDS

OUTSTANDING SENIOR LEADERSHIP .....................
HIGH SCORE VARSITY ...........................................
HIGH SCORE SCHOLASTIC ....................................
HIGH SCORE HONORS ...........................................
*OVERALL HIGH SCORE ........................................

*ONE OF THE HIGH SCORERS IN A DIVISION WILL ALSO BE OVERALL
HIGH SCORER, SO THERE ARE ONLY 4 STUDENTS RECOGNIZED.

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