

**KANSAS ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM  
SHINE AT USAD FINALS**

Congratulations to Shawnee Mission South's Academic Decathlon Team that competed at the national United States Academic Decathlon competition April 13-16, 2005 in Chicago representing Kansas. The team rank was higher than any previous Kansas team in 14 years of competition. Every team member improved his or her score from the State competition held at KSU last January. The team ranked #7 among the large schools in Division 1 and 18<sup>th</sup> overall among the 40 teams participating. The rank was among the top ten in the Oral Super Quiz and 14<sup>th</sup> overall in the Super Quiz once the written and oral scores were tabulated.

Junior Chris Hinton won a Bronze medal in Art, a Bronze in Economics, and a Gold medal in Language and Literature. Chris also won a \$500 scholarship for the highest team score. Junior Matt Richardson won a Bronze medal for his Interview. There were also 14 top ten rankings among all the team members out of 360 student participants. Six of the 9 team members won 1 year subscriptions to Scientific American based upon their high scores in mathematics, economics, and or Super Quiz. Team members representing Kansas were: Danny Able, Amanda Kruse, Simon Li, James Harrold, Chris Hinton, Sara Jordan, Matt Richardson, Scott Moore, Koga Moffor and coach, Vivian Cornwell