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Exciting News!

Last month OCAD received generous support from a new corporate sponsor, NuVision Federal Credit Union, based out of Huntington Beach. NuVision is OCAD's first platinum sponsor and its CEO is even the father of a decathlete!

Alumni Words of Wisdom

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**Bailey Adling, CSU Long Beach,
Pacifica HS class of 2014**



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OCAD Decathlon Spotlight: MIT-bound, Stephanie Eiler

Stephanie Eiler, a four-year participant for the El Dorado High School Academic Decathlon team, is the embodiment of an all-around student-decathlete. Her love for solving problems and understanding how things work made her a perfect fit for the team. El Dorado coach, Bob Kanne, selected Stephanie as team captain this year because of her dedication to the program and her leadership. Mr. Kanne noted that Stephanie "was always ready to help the team understand the difficult topics, have fun, and stay organized."

Stephanie joined Academic Decathlon because of her love for learning new things – especially concepts that weren't already covered in the regular high school curriculum – and as a good way to make new friends to start her high school career. She states that "OCAD has definitely helped me come out of my shell and meet new people." Being on the team motivated Stephanie and solidified her concept of team work, which is important to the success of any Academic Decathlon team.

Stephanie expresses that Academic Decathlon also encouraged her to improve her study habits and communication skills, and that practicing the interview component has helped her in seeking job opportunities, working in video production, and in completing college applications.

Outside of Academic Decathlon, Stephanie has a passion for all things audiovisual (AV). She is a weekly volunteer for her church's AV team and one of the executive producers of El Dorado's award winning and weekly broadcast, Hawk Talk. She has produced multiple news stories and documentaries that have been nominated or have won at film festivals around Southern California. Her short-film, *Learn for Morgan*, which won the spot feature category at the 2015 El Dorado Film Festival, honors a local student-athlete who suddenly passed away from cardiac arrest, and portrays the quest of her family and friends to educate the public about CPR. Stephanie also co-produced the film *Holding Back the Tide*, a finalist at the 2015 Pacifica Screen Student Film Festival which focuses on the risk factors that a local coastal community faces with rising sea levels.

Beyond her success in Academic Decathlon and video production, Stephanie's claim to fame at El Dorado is being accepted at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) for Fall 2015. She is leaning towards majoring in chemical engineering but notes that the structure at MIT allows first-year students to explore and try out new things. Stephanie credits OCAD for helping her get into MIT by showing her dedication to academia. She states that, "Even if I didn't get into [MIT], OCAD helped me overall to learn to take risks." Congratulations on this huge accomplishment Stephanie! Good luck and continue to take risks with your next endeavor at MIT!



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OCAD Wants to Thank its Generous Corporate Sponsors!

This year, OCAD has experienced a tremendous growth in its corporate sponsorships! Each financial contributions has gone a long way to directly award student achievement in the OCAD program. Sponsorships, along with numerous individual community member contributions, support program enrichment and college scholarships for students, as well as registration fees and travel costs for the winning teams to compete at the California Academic Decathlon (CAD) competition. With the support of its corporate sponsors and individual donors, and additional grant funding awarded by the Employee Community Fund of Boeing California, the OCAD Association was able to send its top five teams to the State competition and award \$13,800 in college scholarships to 32 hard-working student decathletes.

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Corporate sponsorship opportunities, which include various levels of recognition for your organization, are available for the 2015-2016 OCAD program. If you are interested in sponsoring the OCAD program please contact Kristin Rigby, Program Specialist, for more information at 714.966.4435 or krigby@ocde.us.

9th/10th Grade “JV” Competition Results

On May 16, 2015, 19 Orange County high schools participated in the 9th/10th grade “JV” Academic Decathlon, hosted on the campus of Aliso Niguel high school. Also known as “baby OCAD” to many coaches and student decathletes, the “JV” competition is a modified version of its big brother program, the Academic Decathlon. Ninth and tenth grade students study an abridged version of the Academic Decathlon curriculum and participate in seven out of ten main events. These events include objective testing in art, literature, math, music, science, and social science; as well as an essay portion and a shortened speech component. In addition, teams participate in the live-audience Super Quiz Relay. Participants also compete for medals and top team honors and to get a flavor of the main Decathlon competition. The awards ceremony was held on June 1, at Valencia High School in Placentia. Let’s take a look at our top teams for the 2015 “JV” Academic Decathlon!

Overall Team Awards

Super Quiz Team Awards

Division 1

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1. Valencia (PYLUSD)
2. Trabuco Hills (SVUSD)
3. Woodbridge (IUSD)
4. University (IUSD)
5. Aliso Niguel (CUSD)

1. *Valencia (PYLUSD) and Trabuco Hills (SVUSD)
2. Woodbridge (IUSD)
3. Aliso Niguel (CUSD)
4. Mission Viejo (SVUSD)
5. El Dorado (PYLUSD)

Division 2

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1. Pacifica (GGUSD)
2. Servite (Private)
3. Tesoro (CUSD)
4. Brea Olinda (BOUSD)
5. Yorba Linda (PYLUSD)

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2. *Pacifica (GGUSD) and Saddleback (SAUSD)
3. *Servite (Private) and Brea Olinda (BOUSD)
4. Corona del Mar (NMUSD)

*Tie awarded

Save the Date for Our 2016 Competition!



Volunteers, remember to save the dates!

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Help us continue this legacy of academic excellence!

More information about volunteer roles and online registration to come Fall of 2015

Visit www.ocde.us/decahlon for volunteer updates

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