

Texas Academic Decathlon

USAD® National Results

The Texas Academic Decathlon was represented at the USAD® National Finals in Anchorage, Alaska, this past weekend by Highland Park High School. Team members are Grant Bailey, Kevin Chen, Wyatt Hill, Michael Hodak, Jack Reynolds, Jeremiah Rothschild, Cheyenne Son, Michael Xie, and BrookeYung; coaches are Greg Bergeron and David Alvarado.

Texas was the highest scoring open enrollment team in the nation. Team members brought home 13 gold, 14 silver, and 19 bronze individual medals; the team brought home the Division I Second Place Trophy and was awarded the Rookie of the Year recognition. EVERY member of the Highland Park team medaled in at least one event (all nine placed in Science).

Michael Hodak earned the B. Franklin Reinauer II Economics scholarship presented by the USAD® Board. Jeremiah Rothschild earned the Norman Katz Award and scholarship (combined speech and interview score) presented by the USAD® State Director's Association.

Individual Medals:

Michael Hodak

- Gold – Economics, Music, and Social Science
- Silver – Literature and Science
- Bronze - Art

Michael Xie

- Silver – Economics, Literature, Science, and Art

- Bronze – Music and Math

Kevin Chen

- Bronze – Economics, Literature, and Science

Jeremiah Rothschild

- Gold – Music and Speech
- Bronze – Science, Art, and Interview

Brooke Yung

- Silver – Social Science, Literature, Science, and Speech
- Bronze – Music

Cheyenne Son

- Gold – Economics
- Bronze – Music, Social Science, Literature, and Science

Jack Reynolds

- Gold – Economics and Speech
- Silver – Music and Science
- Bronze – Social Science, Math, and Art

Wyatt Hill

- Gold – Literature and Art
- Silver – Economics
- Bronze – Music, Science, and Essay

Grant Bailey

- Gold – Science

Also representing Texas were the following individuals: Joseph Rasmussen, Jr., and Rainer Horn from Friendswood; Jimmy Thai, Sara

Matthews, and Mitchell Jackson from Pearland; Tara McCoy, Rachel Shafer, Sam Warren, Wesley Scivetti, Daniel Scivetti, and Grace Taiwo from Rockwall High; Derek Bourcier from Rockwall Heath; and Wrik Chakrabarti from Seven Lakes High School. This group of students brought back 12 gold, 15 silver, and 21 bronze medals.

Wesley Scivetti (scholastic) and Wrik Chakrabarti (varsity) received the highest scores in the nation in their classifications. Wrik is the first varsity student ever to break 9000 points (9067.7). Unfortunately, since they were Individuals as opposed to team members, they were not officially recognized for their accomplishments.