Texas Academic Decathlon
USAD National Results – INDIVIDUALS

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TEXAS was well represented at the USAD National Finals,
In Madison, Wisconsin, April 20-22, 2017

In addition to the highest scoring team from Texas, Highland Park, attending the United States Academic Decathlon National Finals, nine individual students were invited by USAD to compete. Students were selected based on their scores and the fact that their team did NOT advance beyond the state competition. The picture above has both the team from Highland Park and the individual students proudly standing with the Texas flag.

The following gives the summary of their accomplishments:

Mark Saving – JJ Pearce (Richardson ISD) – Honor

- Gold medals in Literature, Music, and Social Science (1000 points)
Silver medals in Art, Economics, Math, Science, and Speech
Silver Medal OVERALL - Honors

Achutha Srinivasan – James E. Taylor (Katy ISD) – Honors
- Gold medals in Interview and Social Science (1000 points)
- Silver medal in Math and Music
- Bronze medal in Literature

Hannah Xia – Friendswood (Friendswood ISD) – Honors
- Gold medal in Art (1000 points)

Audrey Isaak – Friendswood (Friendswood ISD) – Scholastic
- Silver medals in Speech

Daniel Devoll – Friendswood (Friendswood ISD) – Scholastic
- Bronze medal in Literature

Joachim Bendixen – Friendswood (Friendswood ISD) – Varsity
- Gold medals in Art (1000 points) Interview, and Speech
- Highest combined interview/speech score in the nation – 1955/2000 (not eligible for Katz Communication Award due to “individual” status)

Arman Nazerian – Dulles (Fort Bend ISD) – Scholastic
- Bronze medal in Music

Ericka Chang – Pearland (Pearland ISD) – Varsity
- Gold medal in Interview
- Bronze medal in Speech
Mitchell Jackson – Pearland (Pearland ISD) – Varsity

- Gold medal in Speech
- Silver medals in Interview and Math
- Bronze medals in Economics and Music

Congratulations to all of the Texas Individual competitors!!