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### **CDO to Triumphs at Academic Competition**

**Tucson, AZ** - Sixteen CDO students recently traveled to Rockwall, TX to compete in the annual Rockwall High School Academic Decathlon Invitational. Facing 5 of the top 12 teams in Texas (based on last year's state competition), CDO pulled off a solid win. The Academic Decathlon competitions usually test students' skills in art, economics, math, science, music, speech, social science, literature, interviewing and essay writing.

Placing in the top five of their respective divisions were Benjamin Ferrell, Taylor Cleland, Marie Clymer, Jordan Kurker-Mraz, Dylan Ousley, and Jennifer Wendel. Benjamin and Jordan received trophies for placing first in their divisions, with Benjamin earning the highest score out of all 175 competitors. Also receiving awards in individual events were Nathan Davis, Melinda Fraser, Anna Hainsworth, Josie Kishi, Ellie Strasser, Chongwoo Sun, and Seungwoo Sun. Kate Gallagher and Brittany Rudolph also competed.

"I am proud of these students who have spent many hours preparing for this competition," said coach Chris Yetman. "Their hard work paid off and their performance bodes well for the team this year as we attempt to defend our regional championship and vie to represent Arizona at the national Academic Decathlon in April in Memphis, TN."

Travel to this academic competition, like others, was made possible through tax credit contributions. CDO High School is one of the 22 schools and programs in the Amphitheater Public School District that serves the educational needs of over 16,000 Northwest Tucson and Oro Valley students.

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