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Elite Scholars Academy Earns 3rd Consecutive Academic Decathlon State Championship

JONESBORO- Clayton County Public Schools Elite Scholars Academy captured its third consecutive Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE) Georgia Academic Decathlon (GAD) State Championship. In addition, the team scored the highest points overall in Division I and II, earning the Howard Stroud Championship Trophy. Elite Scholars Academy, is the smallest school, based on its enrollment population, to ever win the Georgia Academic Decathlon in the 37-year history of the event.

More than 150 high school students from across the state competed in the academic event. The program is unique because each nine-member team is made up of three honors students, three scholastic students, and three varsity students as determined by their United States Academic Decathlon (USAD) grade point averages.

Members of the 2022-2023 Elite Scholars Academy Academic Decathlon team who competed this weekend were Reyli Olivo, Delaney Reese, Deborah Gadri, Ellen Crews, Kristina Nguyen, Maya Uk, Nataly Barahona, Evyn Laing, Angelica Jones, Jayla Jennings, Kayla Sheriff, and Rodney Monette. The team is led by coach C. Jack Smith.

It is worth noting, that this year's team set a new school record by earning 32 individual medals, surpassing last year's team total by five additional medals. All nine students competing medaled in at least one event. Please see below all awards, awardees, and categories below.

Honors Division Medalists

- ❖ Reyli Olivo – Silver in Music, Bronze in Essay
- ❖ Deborah Gadri – Bronze in Science, Gold in Mathematics
- ❖ Delaney Reese – Silver in Literature, Gold in Art, Bronze in Social Science, Bronze Overall in Honors Division

Scholastic Division Medalists

- ❖ Maya Uk – Bronze in Mathematics
- ❖ Nataly Barahona – Gold in Science
- ❖ Kristina Nguyen – Gold in Science, Gold in Mathematics, Silver in Music, Gold in Art, Gold in Social Science, Gold Overall in Scholastic Division

Varsity Division Medalists

- ❖ Kayla Sheriff – Bronze in Essay, Silver in Mathematics
- ❖ Jayla Jennings – Silver in Science, Silver in Music, Gold in Literature, Silver in Economics, Bronze in Art, Silver in Social Science, Silver Overall in Varsity Division
- ❖ Angelica Jones – Gold in Science, Gold in Mathematics, Gold in Music, Silver in Literature, Gold in Art, Gold in Social Science, Gold Overall in Varsity Division

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About Clayton County Public Schools: Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by Cognia. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 50,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the sixth-largest school system in Georgia.

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