

VAPA News

Visual and Performing Arts News of Madera Unified

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Congratulations!!!

To Ashley Vasquez, this year's winning Decathlon Art Competition!



Madera High School student Ashley Vasquez will receive a \$100 scholarship from Madera County Schools Foundation. Her amazing artwork will be used for the Decathlon program book cover, student lapel pins, and other marketing materials, including the Academic Pentathlon materials for the middle school event. Ashley said her inspiration for the piece "would have to be the space race that took place during the Cold War. Color, most importantly, guided my choices throughout the development of this composition."

Such a talented sophomore from Ms. Jaipriya Kaur's class!



Ashley is this year's **Overall Excellence recipient** of the Academic Decathlon Art Competition. Ashley's artwork will be used for Academic Decathlon and Pentathlon materials throughout the year.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4/1-4/5 No School- Spring Break
- 4/16-4/17 Motherload Festival
- Spring 21 MSHS-MSTC's Presents: The Little Mermaid
- 5/31 Memorial Day

★ THE COLD WAR ★

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Cecilia A. Massetti, Ed.D.
Madera County Superintendent of Schools

Welcome to the 39th Annual Madera County Academic Decathlon! This year students will test their knowledge of the facts and events related to the "Cold War." Ninety-six students from eight high schools have signed up for the competition that "challenges their analytical skills and demonstrates their abilities to communicate about many varied subjects." Students from Chowanoke Academy, Chowchilla, Glacier Charter, Liberty Madera, Madera South, Marilla Tennis, and Yosemite High Schools have been gearing up for the competition. The 2021 competition has an all new online format. All testing this year is online, including interview and speech. A special feature for the Decathlon will be a virtual online awards ceremony.

In October, Madera County Superintendent of Schools hosted more than 750 academic decathletes from around the state virtually for a lecture series covering the art, music, literature, speech, and history of this year's theme. Decathletes had an opportunity to learn from local experts and were able to ask presenters questions after the lectures in real time! The virtual event recorded the presentations so students could refer to them at a later time.

This fall, Madera County's decathletes also participated in an online Academic Decathlon course through Fresno State. The option is available to all decathletes in grades 10-12 and earns them up to four college units!

This year we have another opportunity to witness the outstanding performance of our students and the excellent high school programs that are offered by our schools. We are proud of the dedication of the students, school staff, and families who work in partnership to showcase our students' knowledge and appreciate the members of our community who make this event possible. Thank you to our "community champions"—teachers, coaches, community members, volunteers, donors, parents, administrators, MCSOS staff, and students who are the heart of the Academic Decathlon program.

Decathletes, we applaud your commitment to "being the best" and continuously striving to achieve and excel, especially in these unusual times.



Madera County Superintendent of Schools
LEADERSHIP TEAM

Cecilia A. Massetti, Ed.D., SUPERINTENDENT		
Fred Cogan	Jessica Drake	Dianna Marsh
Julie DeWall	Dennis Lingo	Tricia Protzman

Cover art by Ashley Vasquez, sophomore, Madera High School
Overall Excellence Award in the Academic Decathlon Art Contest

MADERA COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS 39TH ANNUAL ACADEMIC DECATHLON 2021



Madera South High School Students Represent at the Lenaea High School Theatre Festival

Monologue Winners IRENE MARTINEZ, SOPHIA NASSAR, Madera South High School

The festival was established to support and encourage high school students with an interest in theatre. For over 60 years, Lenaea has grown tremendously into a multi-programmed event offering students the opportunity to enter into the following categories: One-Act Plays, Student Directed One-Acts, Student Written One-Acts, Musical Theatre Solos, Duo Scenes, Monologues, Set Design and Costume Design.



Monologue Winner
IRENE MARTINEZ
Madera South High School



Monologue Winner
SOPHIA NASSAR
Madera South High School

GO STALLIONS !