

**United States Academic Decathlon®
National Finals - 2016
AWARDS DISTRIBUTION**

INDIVIDUAL EVENT AWARDS

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded in each division to the first-, second- and third-place students from the Honor, Scholastic, and Varsity categories in each event. All ties will be awarded. Individual scores that fall within three points will be tied.

INDIVIDUAL OVERALL AWARDS

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded in each division to the first-, second- and third-place students from the Honor, Scholastic, and Varsity categories with the highest cumulative scores from all ten events. Scholarships shall be awarded to the overall individual winners as follows: \$1,000 to gold medalists in each category, \$750 to silver medalists in each category, and \$500 to bronze medalists in each category.

TEAM AND SCHOOL AWARDS

Team scores are determined by the two highest Honor scores, the two highest Scholastic scores, and the two highest Varsity scores for all ten events.

DIVISIONAL AWARDS

Championship trophies and banners will be presented in three divisions. Teams will be grouped into divisions according to the school enrollment of the participating teams once the state and international championship teams have been determined. A division must have at least 25% of the participating schools. Private schools, magnet schools, alternative schools, and the like will be grouped in Divisions defined above based on school enrollment.

A first, second, and third place trophy and banner will be awarded in each division. These are the Division Champions. The National title will be awarded to the team with the highest number of points regardless of division.

SUPER QUIZ™ RELAY AWARDS

Overall Winners: Team plaques will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams with the **highest raw score for all nine students in the Super Quiz™ relay only.** The Super Quiz™ Relay plaques will be presented at the conclusion of the Super Quiz™ Relay event.

B. FRANKLIN REINAUER II ECONOMICS PRIZE

This award is presented to the highest scoring student in Economics overall. A plaque and \$250.00 scholarship will be presented.

NORMAN KATZ COMMUNICATIONS AWARD

This award is presented to the student with the highest combined total scores in the Speech and Interview events. A trophy and \$200.00 will be presented.

MOST IMPROVED VARSITY STUDENT

This award is presented to a varsity student at the National Finals who has improved his/her score the most from his/her state competition. To qualify, the student/team must have completed all ten events at his/her state competition. A \$250.00 scholarship is awarded.

THE HIGHEST SCORING STUDENT AWARD

This award is presented to the highest scoring student on each team. A \$250.00 scholarship is awarded.

KRISTIN CAPERTON MEMORIAL AWARD

This award is presented to a competitor at the National Finals who has demonstrated particular strength of character, perseverance, commitment, inspiration, or team leadership, who overcame significant obstacles or unusual circumstances to participate in the Academic Decathlon® National Finals.

Selection of the award recipient will be made by a panel of USAD Board members. All nomination forms **MUST** be received no later than March 31, 2016 and must be sent through US Mail only. The nominated student will be presented with a plaque, and a \$1,500.00 scholarship is awarded.