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MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS WIN FIRST PLACE AT PENTATHLON

Academy for Academic Excellence 7th Grade Students Win First Time in Contest

Thursday, June 17, 2010. Apple Valley, CA. Middle School students at Lewis Center's Academy for Academic Excellence (AAE) placed first and fourth as they participated for the first time in San Bernardino County's most rigorous academic events for middle school students of all ability levels of both public and private schools. Seventh grade students placed first overall, while the eight graders were fourth place overall. Seventh grade AAE student Alyssa Yosten took home individual first place medals in all categories.

Sixteen middle schools from all over San Bernardino County participated. Students are tested in five categories; Science, Math, Essay, Literature, and a Super Quiz in Social Science. The day long Academic Pentathlon was started in 1968 by Orange County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Peterson. It was his desire for students to experience the same type of enthusiastic recognition given to champion athletes. The idea of being publicly recognized for academic achievement gives students motivation to strive for excellence.

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