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Seton Catholic Wins Academic Decathlon State Division Title Will Represent Arizona in National e-Competition



CHANDLER, ARIZ.,
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Having won back-to-back state championships, Seton Catholic Prep's Academic Decathlon team will represent Arizona next month in a national online competition.

Seton won its second consecutive 3A Division

state title at the recent 34th Arizona Academic Decathlon State Competition at ASU West. Canyon del Oro of Tucson defeated 39 schools to claim the overall state title and will compete in next month's United States Academic Decathlon (USAD) national competition in Frisco, Texas. Hamilton High of Chandler placed second, followed by Mountain View of Mesa.

Seton placed seventh overall and was the highest scoring non-public school. On April 5 and 20, the Sentinels will match wits with teams from across the nation during the USAD National Online Competition. *Seton (pictured here at a January competition) will represent Arizona in the medium school category.*

"We are incredibly proud of our academic decathletes," said Seton Catholic Principal Victor Serna. "They devote countless hours studying for competitions throughout the year and are prime examples of Seton's commitment to academic excellence."

The first session of the online competition will cover essay writing and art, and the second session will cover economics, music, literature, mathematics, music, science, and social science. All of the subjects will revolve around Africa, which USAD selected as the curricular theme for the current academic year.

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Seton's top scorers in the state competition were Dillon Shipley of Ahwatukee Foothills and Robert Buessing of Chandler; an essay by Mikayla McNally of Gilbert was chosen as the most outstanding.

In addition to winning the 3A division state title this year and last, Seton's Academic Decathlon team was #1 in 2014 and 2015. The team is coached by Todd Decker, who has been an Academic Decathlon teacher and coach for more than 25 years – the longest of any coach in Arizona.

About Seton Catholic Preparatory

A 2017 National Blue Ribbon School, Seton Catholic Preparatory is a diocesan, coeducational high school in Chandler, Arizona, open to students of all faiths and dedicated to academic excellence, leadership and loving service to others. For more than 60 years, Seton Catholic has served the East Valley of Phoenix as the only Catholic college preparatory high school, serving young men and women from parochial, private, charter, public and home schooling backgrounds. Seton Catholic graduates earn scholarships to and attend an array of selective colleges and universities, including state, private and Ivy League schools as well as service academies. Seton Catholic is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and the Western Catholic Education Association. www.setoncatholic.org

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