



WISCONSIN ACADEMIC DECATHLON

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STATE COMPETITION NEWS RELEASE

2019-2020 Theme: In Sickness and in Health: An Exploration of Illness and Wellness

The Wisconsin Academic Decathlon program held its 37th Annual State High School Competition March 12-13, 2020, at the Glacier Canyon Conference Center/Wilderness Resort, Wisconsin Dells.

In culminating state-wide competition, the top 20 high school teams from Wisconsin took part in the 2020 State Finals: Burlington, Deerfield, Dodgeand, Durand, Elk Mound, Green Bay East, Green Bay Southwest, Marathon, Melrose-Mindoro, Milwaukee Rufus King, New Berlin Eisenhower, New Berlin West, New Richmond, Pewaukee, Slinger, Sun Prairie, Tomah, Watertown, Waukesha West, and Wilmot Union. A total of 171 students participated in the event; 97 volunteers assisted. To reach the State Competition, Wisconsin students advanced from the Local and Regional events, having competed with 105 registered teams at the season's start.

Centered on the curricular theme of **In Sickness and in Health: An Exploration of Illness and Wellness**, students were tested in the following subjects: art, mathematics, music, literature, economics, science, and social science; they also competed in Essay, Speech, and Interview events. The two-day competition concluded early this year, due to coronavirus concerns and state-wide orders issued by Governor Tony Evers, and prior to the fruition of our annual and final State Competition event: Super Quiz

Each team consisted of nine students of varied scholastic ability. Students were divided into Honor, Scholastic, and Varsity categories, determined by their A, B, and C-or-below grade point average. The program offers the appeal of mental competition to all achievement levels for students in the 9th through 12th grades. Students vied for medals, plaques, and trophies, in addition to cash scholarships and direct scholarships to Wisconsin institutions of higher learning.

The State Champion is Wilmot Union High School, with a score of **45,794.6**. Wilmot Union also captured the Top Team Award in nine of the ten subjects: Art, Economics, Essay, Interview, Literature, Math, Music, Science, and Social Science. **New Berlin West** won the Team Award in Speech.

New Berlin Eisenhower placed second overall, and **Melrose-Mindoro High School** earned third place.

Division Winners (the overall State Champ does not place in the Division standings):

Division 1	1st Place	Waukesha West H S	38,669.0
	2nd Place	Watertown H S	37,741.7
	3rd Place	Milwaukee Rufus King H S	32,438.5
Division 2	1st Place	New Berlin Eisenhower H S	39,900.7
	2nd Place	Pewaukee H S	35,961.0
	3rd Place	New Richmond H S	34,423.9
Division 3	1st Place	New Berlin West H S	36,887.0
	2nd Place	Durand H S	28,223.4
	3rd Place	Elk Mound H S	26,925.2
Division 4	1st Place	Melrose-Mindoro H S	38,995.0
	2nd Place	Marathon H S	30,795.7
	3rd Place	Dodgeand H S	25,997.5

The Overall State Champion, **Wilmot Union**, has earned the right to compete in the National Finals in Anchorage, Alaska, April 29-May 2. And the next highest scoring team in a different USAD division from the state champion, **Melrose-Mindoro**, also earned the opportunity to compete at National Competition in Division IV. However, all of USAD's National Competition will now be held online in May rather than in-person in Alaska, and will include eight events: the essay and seven objective tests in art, economics, literature, mathematics, music, science, and social science.

As USAD Large, Medium, and Small School Division winners, **Watertown**, **New Berlin Eisenhower**, and **Marathon** High Schools have earned the opportunity to represent Wisconsin in the National Online Competition, occurring simultaneously with USAD's National Competition in May.

Sean O'Dowd of Wilmot Union earned a perfect score in Interview and tied the state record in the Honor category. Anna Carroll of Wilmot Union set a new Scholastic record for Literature. And Ana Bishop of Wilmot Union tied the Scholastic record for Social Science.

More information about Wisconsin Academic Decathlon can be found here: <https://www.cesa7.org/wisconsin-academic-decathlon-wiad>