

**PRESS RELEASE**

**Boulder Prep High School students take second place in the state Academic Decathlon Competition**

The United States Academic Decathlon competition is one of the most challenging and comprehensive events in the country. Each year, this unique competition program focuses on a specific theme. For the 2010 competition, students became experts in all aspects of the French Revolution. Students competed in ten categories that all related to the theme. The categories were: *Art, Economics, Essay, Interview, Language and Literature, Mathematics, Music, Science, Social Science, and Speech*. One of the most unique components about the U.S. Academic Decathlon is that each team must consist of A, B, and C level students. This is not a competition reserved exclusively for the academic elite.

Boulder Preparatory High School is a small alternative high school serving students from diverse backgrounds including expulsions, multiple suspensions, adjudication, abusive families, behavioral disorders, and drug addictions. No matter what the circumstances, all students at Boulder Prep receive the benefits of a small individualized learning environment where they can finally be successful. The age range of students at Boulder Prep is 14-20, approximately 65% are youth of color and 55% come from low income homes.

The Boulder Prep Academic Decathlon team started out with seventeen students and began their studies in August 2009. The intensity of preparation was too much for some and the team reduced to 13 students. Only eight students are allowed to participate in the final competition so the Boulder Prep representatives consisted of three ladies and five gentlemen. Six of the eight students received medals for their performance in individual sections. There were a total of eight teams in the small school division from across the state. It was an incredible honor to have Boulder Prep finish second to Vail Christian High School and a testament to our students' drive for academic excellence.

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