

Massachusetts Academic Decathlon

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Three teams from Massachusetts attended the USAD National Finals in Frisco, Texas from April 27-29, 2023. The three teams were Wellesley High School, who competed in Division II as Massachusetts's State Champion, as well as Acton-Boxborough Regional High School and Westwood High School, who represented Massachusetts in Division IV. All three won multiple medals. Springfield International Charter School also participated in the Online Nationals competition for small-sized schools.

The overall national championship was won by El Camino Real Charter High School from California. Whitney M. Young Magnet High School from Illinois placed second, and John Foster Dulles High School from Texas placed third.

Wellesley High School

In Division II, Wellesley High School, coached by Ryan Liacos, placed 6th overall out of 9 teams and won the following medals:

- Alan Song: GOLD medal in Mathematics and BRONZE medal in Interview
- Cayden Xia: BRONZE medal in Science
- Dennis Zhang: SILVER medal in Mathematics
- Bella Wang: BRONZE medal in Mathematics

As the highest-scoring student on Wellesley's team, Honors student Alan Song received an award and a \$250 scholarship.



Acton-Boxborough Regional High School

In Division IV, Acton-Boxborough Regional High School, coached by Lisa Piandes and Vidya Sampathkumar, placed 11th overall out of 28 teams and won the following medals:

- Maya Palchuk: BRONZE in Mathematics and SILVER in Science
- Isha Agarwal: GOLD in Mathematics
- Anish Lalwani: SILVER in Literature and Mathematics and GOLD in Science
- Puja Saha: BRONZE in Interview

As the highest-scoring student on Acton-Boxborough's team, Honors student Isha Agarwal received an award and a \$250 scholarship.

Westwood High School

In their first Nationals appearance in school history, Westwood High School, coached by Rebecca Weydt, placed 15th overall out of 28 teams in Division IV and won the following medals:

- Alexander Vertikov: BRONZE in Interview
- Jessica Wang: SILVER in Mathematics
- Avin Mai: GOLD in Mathematics, SILVER in Science, and BRONZE in Economics

As the highest-scoring student on Westwood's team, Honors student Alexander Vertikov received an award and a \$250 scholarship.



Springfield International Charter School

In the Small Schools Online Nationals competition, Springfield International Charter School, coached by John Cusick and Christopher Amrich, placed 11th overall of 12 teams. Varsity student Sanaaya Correa won a Bronze medal in Mathematics. Honors student Isabelle Rodriguez received an award for being the highest-scoring student on the team.