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### MEDIA RELEASE

#### **MCS D Celebrates Academic Excellence at 2025–2026 Academic Decathlon**

**Columbus, GA** — Muscogee County School District (MCS D) students showcased exceptional academic talent during the 2025–2026 MCS D Academic Decathlon, culminating with the Speech, Interview, and SuperQuiz competitions held live on Saturday, January 10, 2026.

The final competitions followed the online Essay event on Wednesday, January 7, and the online Objective testing proctored on Thursday, January 8. Students from across the district competed in ten rigorous academic events, earning multiple individual medals and team honors.

#### **Overall Academic Decathlon Team Results**

- **1st Place** – MCS D District Champion (2025–2026): Columbus High School
- **2nd Place:** Hardaway High School
- **3rd Place:** George Washington Carver High School

### **SuperQuiz Team Results**

- **1st Place:** Spencer High School
- **2nd Place:** Rainey-McCullers School of the Arts
- **3rd Place:** Columbus High School

### **Top-Scoring Students by Division**

#### **Honors Division**

- **1st Place:** Utkarsh Anand – Columbus High School
- **2nd Place:** Sun Choi – Columbus High School
- **3rd Place:** Gabriel Liscano – Columbus High School

#### **Scholastic Division**

- **1st Place:** Athena Zamora – Rainey-McCullers School of the Arts
- **2nd Place:** Anna-Elizabeth Arrant – Hardaway High School
- **3rd Place:** Austin Mobley – Northside High School

#### **Varsity Division**

- **1st Place:** Daniel Rivera – Hardaway High School
- **2nd Place:** Parker Hazely – Columbus High School
- **3rd Place:** Nyl Manaug – Spencer High School

MCSD extends sincere appreciation to James Special, 6-12 Mathematics Content Specialist, Division of Teaching and Learning, Columbus High School, and Ms. Sonya Allen for hosting the live components of the competition, as well as the dedicated community and district volunteers whose efforts made the event a success.

MCSD congratulates all participating schools, students, and coaches for their outstanding performance and commitment to academic excellence. Best wishes to Columbus High School, which will represent MCSD at the PAGE Georgia Academic Decathlon State Competition, along with any additional schools that may receive a Wild Card invitation when announced.

MCSD is proud to celebrate the academic achievements of its students and remains committed to fostering excellence, opportunity, and success for all learners.

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**About Muscogee County School District**

The Muscogee County School District is committed to providing an education that inspires and equips students to reach their full potential and become productive citizens in a global society. Focusing on excellence, equity, and innovation, the district serves a diverse student population, fostering academic success, personal growth, and community engagement.

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