

Massachusetts Academic Decathlon

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Three teams from Massachusetts attended the USAD National Finals in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from April 25-27, 2024. 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 and Division V, respectively. All three won multiple medals. Milford High School also participated in the Online Nationals competition for medium-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 Oakwood High School from Ohio placed third.

Wellesley High School

In Division II, Wellesley High School, coached by Meghan Church, placed 6th overall out of 10 teams and won the following nine medals:

- Alan Song: GOLD medal in Mathematics and SILVER medals in Science and Economics
- Cayden Xia: SILVER medal in Interview BRONZE medal in Economics
- Andrew Yang: BRONZE medals in Mathematics and Music
- Dennis Zhang: GOLD medal in Mathematics
- Bella Wang: SILVER medal in Mathematics

As the highest-scoring student on Wellesley's team, Honors student Alan Song received an award and a \$250 scholarship. He placed fifth overall of all students in Division II.



Acton-Boxborough Regional High School

In Division IV, Acton-Boxborough Regional High School, coached by Vidya Sampathkumar and Lisa Piandes, placed 12th overall out of 18 teams and won the following three medals:

- Maya Palchuk: GOLD medal in Mathematics
- Ev Bartley: SILVER medal in Speech
- Austin Kim: SILVER in Mathematics

Additionally, Charles Li won the Founder's Scholarship for Most Improved Varsity. As the highest-scoring student on Acton-Boxborough's team, Honors student Maya Palchuk received an award and a \$250 scholarship.



Westwood High School

In Division V, Westwood High School, coached by Rebecca Weydt, placed 11th overall out of 13 teams and won the following five medals:

- Jessica Wang: BRONZE medal in Mathematics
- Jason Guo: GOLD medal in Mathematics
- Jeffrey Pan: BRONZE medal in Interview
- Luke Li: SILVER medal in Mathematics
- Jason Lin: SILVER medal in Essay

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



Milford High School

In the Medium Schools Online Nationals competition, Milford High School, coached by Elli Maurais and Kristen Aghajanian, placed 10th overall of 11 teams. Varsity student Violet Tran placed fifth in Mathematics and Essay. Honors student Yu Xin Zheng received an award for being the highest-scoring student on the team.

