

## *News Release*

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### *Students Gear Up for 12th Annual Stanislaus County Academic Pentathlon*

Stanislaus County junior high school students are gearing up for the 12th Annual **Stanislaus County Academic Pentathlon**. Approximately 150 students are slated to participate in the one-day series of tests, speeches and essays. The public is invited to attend the culminating event, the **Super Quiz and Awards Presentation**, on **Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** at **Prescott Junior High School** (2243 West Rumble Road, Modesto). There is no charge for admission. The Super Quiz will be from 11:30-12:30pm. The Awards Ceremony will begin at 2:00pm.

Sponsored by the **Stanislaus County Office of Education, Omega Nu and the Education Foundation of Stanislaus County**, the Pentathlon promotes scholastic achievement and interschool competition in academics. In the Pentathlon, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders compete as individuals and as team members in Speech and in a series of five tests in subject areas including Mathematics, Fine Arts, Language Arts, Science and Social Studies.

Participating schools send a total of nine members to serve as the core team – three students, in each of three categories, based on grade point averages. Schools may send as many alternate team members as they choose. Categories include Honors, 3.75-4.00 GPA; Scholastic, 3.00-3.74 GPA; and Varsity, 0.00-2.99 GPA. Seven local junior high schools are participating in this year's event including: Blaker-Kinser, Creekside, Hickman, Keyes Charter, La Loma, Oakdale and Prescott.

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