

Lowell Joint School District
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**LOWELL JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE DAY
FEBRUARY 21, 2015**

The Lowell Joint Education Foundation is pleased to announce that Academic Excellence Day for students in the Lowell Joint School District was held on Saturday, February 21, 2015, at Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate School. Approximately 400 students representing El Portal Elementary, Jordan Elementary, Macy Elementary, Meadow Green Elementary, Olita Elementary, and Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate participated in the event this year. Sponsored by the **Lowell Joint Education Foundation**, with financial support from the **La Habra Rotary Club**, Academic Excellence Day is a day of academic competitions for students in fifth through eighth grade. The top three individuals or team of students in each subject received gold, silver, or bronze medals.

Those students winning medals this year are as follows:

Academic Bowl (Grades 7 and 8) – Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate School

1st Place Team: Shwe Kim, Tanya Jomaa, Colin McKensie, William Leonard

2nd Place Team: Michael Krynen, Cedric VanLanderem, Jakob Makshanoff, Aaron Pizarro

3rd Place Team: Montgomery Hamabe, Jeremy Ceballos, Noah Zapata O'Brien, Brandon Tabata

History/Social Studies (Grade 5)

- 1st Place Team: Camille Castillo (El Portal), Dakota Hernandez (Jordan),
Noemi Vasquez (Macy), Joshua Mustain (Meadow Green), Maya Equihua (Olita)
- 2nd Place Team: Lauren Krynen (El Portal), Noah Rosas (Jordan), Helena Dang (Macy),
Olivia Gardea (Meadow Green), Jonah Sandoval (Olita),
- 3rd Place Team: Cesar Alcala (El Portal), Wyatt Hamabe (Jordan), Nate Gage (Macy),
Gracie Chandler (Meadow Green), Arlo Palmer (Olita)

History/Social Studies (Grade 6)

- 1st Place Team: Aliko Bakis (El Portal), Isabella Olmos (Jordan), Sydney Esquerra (Macy),
Noel Trevino (Meadow Green), Matthew Michel (Olita)
- 2nd Place Team: Lucy Manzer (El Portal), Elio Molina (Jordan), Ashlyn Trujillo (Macy),
Paul Perez (Meadow Green), Ava White (Olita),
- 3rd Place Team: Adam Ayala (El Portal), Ryan Duarte (Jordan), Iliana Medrano (Macy),
Mikela Lombardi (Meadow Green), Gabriel Correa (Olita)

Oral Presentation (Grades 5 and 6)

- 1st Place: Tess Carty (El Portal)
- 2nd Place: Monet Dagne (Jordan) and Chloe Eller (Macy)
- 3rd Place: Jacob Moran (Olita)

Mathematics (Grade 5)

- 1st Place Team: Andrew Pataleon (El Portal), Sofia Mendoza (Jordan), Ashley Esquerra (Macy),
Jackson Drinkard (Meadow Green), Jason Gurubel (Olita),
- 2nd Place Team: Ariana Abel (El Portal), Emily Wilson (Jordan), Michelle Mourey (Macy),
Jordyn Dulken (Meadow Green), Sung Jun Lee (Olita)
- 3rd Place Team: Jordan Lipham (El Portal), Kendal Smith (Jordan), Garrett Icenhower (Macy),
Allen Ay (Meadow Green), Isabella Garcia (Olita)

Mathematics (Grade 6)

1st Place Team: McKenzie Arnola (El Portal), Emily Styx (Jordan),

Michael Adams (Macy), Julia Paternostro (Meadow Green), Natalie Paul (Olita)

2nd Place Team: Nicholas Berduo (El Portal), Laura Vavarro (Jordan), Aleen Amloian (Macy),

Victor Covarrubias-Varga (Meadow Green), Bruno Dethier (Olita)

3rd Place Team: Johannes West (El Portal), Lauren Dickenson (Jordan), Aiden Visher (Macy),

Samantha Finken (Meadow Green), Ryan Esquivel (Olita)

Science (Grade 5)

1st Place Team: Emily Kim (El Portal), Gabriella Crow (Jordan), Carter Bessire (Macy),

Jordyn Dulken (Meadow Green), Emily Canales (Olita)

2nd Place Team: Jon Krotcheck (El Portal), Amaru Horente (Jordan),

Mary Murphy (Macy), Kristina Carlson (Meadow Green), Tara Martinez (Olita)

3rd Place Team: Austin Abell (El Portal), Lana Chavez (Jordan), Gabriel Navarette (Macy),

Hailey Kroischke (Meadow Green), Arlo Palmer (Olita)

Science (Grade 6)

1st Place Team: McKenzie Arnold (El Portal), Isabella Morgan (Jordan), Xochitl Hood (Macy),

Andrew Brubaker (Meadow Green), Daniel Ha (Olita)

2nd Place Team: Isaish Segundo, (El Portal), Erin Irizarry (Jordan),

Angelina De La Torre (Macy), Ellie Marquez (Meadow Green), Carson Conley (Olita)

3rd Place Team: Nicholas Berduo (El Portal), Simone Warren (Jordan), Nolah Hacker (Macy),

Andrew Rudas (Meadow Green), Trinity Martinez (Olita)

Spelling (Grades 4)

1st Place: Tazia Mohammad (Meadow Green)

2nd Place: Janae Davila (Jordan)

3rd Place: Jake Loomis (Macy)

Spelling (Grade 5)

1st Place: Emily Kim (El Portal)

2nd Place: Lauren Krynen (El Portal)

3rd Place: Mia Gamez (Olita)

Spelling (Grade 6)

1st Place: Sarah Abitria (Olita)

2nd Place: Aubrey Sanders (Olita)

3rd Place: Anna Maria Tafur (Macy)

The Lowell Joint Education Foundation was established as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in 2005 serving the students in the Lowell Joint School District. The Foundation provides financial support for special programs such as Academic Excellence Day, the Fine Arts Extravaganza, technology grants for the schools, and the after-school sports program at Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate School. The Lowell Joint School District serves families in the communities of La Habra, La Habra Heights, and Whittier, California.

Donors may contribute funds or products/services to help support the activities of the Lowell Joint Education Foundation. Donations are welcomed and may be submitted via the Foundation's website at www.ljefonline.org.

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