

Lowell Joint School District
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**LOWELL JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE DAY
MARCH 23, 2013**

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, March 23, 2013, 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: Charlotte Dinger, Sabrina Lopez, Jesseca Yriarte, Maiya DeLaRosa

2nd Place Team: Brendan Martin, Thanasi Bakis, Jimmy Fernandez, Solomon Ramirez

3rd Place Team: Emily Mun, Delaney Sheiern, Kiya McDuffe, Nicole Tryon

History/Social Studies (Grade 5)

1st Place Team: Victoria Rocha (El Portal), Bryan Rockenbach (Jordan), Isabel Rendon (Macy),
Matthew Merino (Meadow Green), Cristian Sanchez (Olita)

2nd Place Team: Davess Verdugo (El Portal), Jaxson Hutcherson (Jordan), Alicia Marin (Macy),
Trevor Knight (Meadow Green), Marcus Mayhew (Olita),
3rd Place Team: Haley Brewer (El Portal), Nicholas Negron (Jordan), Daisy Rodriguez (Macy),
Jeremiah Barreras (Meadow Green), Brandon Ortiz (Olita)

History/Social Studies (Grade 6)

1st Place Team: Christo Bakis (El Portal), Joshua Sanjurjo (Jordan), Raymond Hartig (Macy),
David Hamilton (Meadow Green), Mia Mangiaterra (Olita)
2nd Place Team: Julian Baeni (El Portal), Kevin De Silva (Jordan), Devin Hernandez (Macy),
Callista Pattillo (Meadow Green), Natalie Gamez (Olita),
3rd Place Team: Sabrina Ngo (El Portal), Martin Ornelas (Jordan), Rosie Catron (Macy),
Julia Brewer (Meadow Green), Melissa Gardner (Olita)

History/Social Studies (Grades 7 and 8) – Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate School

1st Place Team: Lucas Wiessner, Star Pinegar, Analiese Cox, Jessica Maher, Chandara Heng,
Jacob Reich
2nd Place Team: Daniela Flores, Miranda Galan, Eddie Vasquez, Jon Segundo, Alain Olivera,
Maiya De La Rosa
3rd Place Team: Michael Staine, Nathan Casida, Elissa Luna, Casey Moore, Lynda Canales,
Hannah Kotoff

Mathematics (Grade 5)

1st Place Team: Reem Asad (El Portal), Bryan Rockenbach (Jordan), Rosalie Ramirez (Macy),
Lilly Gross (Meadow Green), Cedric Van Landeghem (Olita),
2nd Place Team: Lauren Bagdonoff (El Portal), Jaxson Hutcherson (Jordan),
Hannah Dornoff (Macy), Andrew Canda (Meadow Green), Samuel Kim (Olita)
3rd Place Team: Maya Gallardo (El Portal), Garrett Barber (Jordan), Shannon White (Macy),
Jude Gonzalez (Meadow Green), Zain Ashraf (Olita)

Mathematics (Grade 6)

1st Place Team: Amanda Lascano (El Portal), Trevor Casida (Jordan), Matthew Jacquez (Macy),
Emily Harper (Meadow Green), Parrisa Mirfattah (Olita)

2nd Place Team: Tanya Jomaa (El Portal), Connor Persson (Jordan), Isabella Medrano (Macy),
Katie Torres (Meadow Green), Amanda Quinonez (Olita)

3rd Place Team: Riley Shea (El Portal), Montgomery Hamabe (Jordan),
Haylee Enriquez (Macy), Ashley Abeelen (Meadow Green),
Michael Joseph Sarancik (Olita)

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

1st Place Team: Nathan Casida, Lucas Wiessner, Hunter Brintle, Thanasi Bakis

2nd Place Team: Layla Marchoud, Yasmin Marquez, Alexandra Rodriguez, Hannah Kotoff

3rd Place Team: Matthew Windhorst, Jonathan Barajas, Kyle Moore, Caitlin Hofstetter

Oral Presentation (Grades 5 and 6)

1st Place: Connor Chambers (Meadow Green)

2nd Place: Jakob Makshanof (Macy)

3rd Place: Tanya Jomaa (El Portal)

Drama – Scenes (Grades 7 and 8) – Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate School

1st Place: Roberto Iniguez and Samantha Hollar

2nd Place: Maya Chen, Alexandria Barber, and Sam Stewart

3rd Place: Sophia Manjarrez and Elizabeth Metzger

Drama – Monologues (Grades 7 and 8) – Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate School

1st Place: Nicole Rodriguez

2nd Place: Katelyn Acosta

3rd Place: Ally Reshes

Science (Grade 5)

1st Place Team: Davess Verdugo (El Portal), Mayahuel Llorente (Jordan),

Ellie Gonzales (Macy), Jared Sparling (Meadow Green), Joshua Sandoval (Olita)

2nd Place Team: Madison Douglass (El Portal), Kennedy Hamabe (Jordan),

Jackie Scoggins (Macy), Gwendolyn Helmer (Meadow Green), Samuel Chaidez (Olita)

3rd Place Team: Cody Hughes (El Portal), Garrett Barber (Jordan), Jennae Loomis (Macy),

Andrew Canda (Meadow Green), Kathy Quezada (Olita)

Science (Grade 6)

1st Place Team: Tanya Jomaa (El Portal), Gilbert Hernandez (Jordan), Colin McKenzie (Macy),

Hattie Thomson (Meadow Green), Johnathan Garcia (Olita)

2nd Place Team: Faith Maddex, (Jordan), Mariah Guzman (Macy), Andrew Maguire (Macy),

Yanely Sanchez (Meadow Green), John Jackson (Olita)

3rd Place Team: Riley Shea (El Portal), Viraj Bansal (Jordan), Anaisabel Chavez (Macy),

Christian Elizondo (Meadow Green), Ezekiel Sohn (Olita)

Science (Grade 7 and 8) – Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate School

1st Place Team: Jonathan Sandoval, Brett Butcher, Mark Jackson, Alex Moran

2nd Place Team: Thanasi Bakis, Jimmy Fernandez, Josiah Palmer, Angel Franco

3rd Place Team: Jess Dassa, Paloma Velasquez, Holden Remme, Maddy Arnold

Spelling (Grades 5 and 6)

1st Place: Maxeen Yeh (Macy)

2nd Place: Jordyn Hernandez (Macy)

3rd Place: Emely Kozak (Olita)

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

1st Place: Simon Gonzales\z

2nd Place: Charlotte Irizarry

3rd Place: Jeremy Gurrola

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, 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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