

Lowell Joint School District
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**LOWELL JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE DAY
MARCH 1, 2014**

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 1, 2014, 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: Julie Maldonado, Tanya Jomaa, Matthew Jacquez, William Leonard

2nd Place Team: Joseph Tiangco, Brandon Grigorian, Sophia Manjarrez, Nathan Zhao

3rd Place Team: Elissa Luna, Analiese Cox, Taylor Perez, Kailey Cooley

History/Social Studies (Grade 5)

- 1st Place Team: Cameron Rey (El Portal), Luis Lopez (Jordan), Ellie Goodwin (Macy),
Mikaela Lombardi (Meadow Green), Matthew Michel (Olita)
- 2nd Place Team: Julissa Alvarez (El Portal), Simone Warren (Jordan), Marisa Durkin (Macy),
Isabella Lozano (Meadow Green), Gabriel Correa (Olita),
- 3rd Place Team: Mac Valentine (El Portal), Taylor Apolinar (Jordan), Isaac Hernandez (Macy),
Joshua Jensen (Meadow Green), Steven Padilla (Olita)

History/Social Studies (Grade 6)

- 1st Place Team: Maggie McKelvey (El Portal), Roger Godoy (Jordan), Ethan Evanoff (Macy),
Merari Avelar (Meadow Green), Evangeline Ibarra (Olita)
- 2nd Place Team: Sarah Licon (El Portal), Jaxson Hutcherson (Jordan), Alicia Marin (Macy),
Lily Gross (Meadow Green), Nicole Gutierrez (Olita),
- 3rd Place Team: Elizabeth Anderson (El Portal), Emily Henderson (Jordan),
Chris Kissling (Macy), Natalia Losoya (Meadow Green), Joshua Sandoval (Olita)

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

- 1st Place Team: Riley Shea, Kyle Moore, Natalie Hermosillo, Michael Staine, Raymond Hartig,
Josh Solis
- 2nd Place Team: Devin Hernandez, Aaron Chang, Shwe Khin, Zach Licon,
MichaelAnthony Sciacca, Bobby Caines
- 3rd Place Team: Matthew Jacquez, Analiese Cox, Christo Bakis, Alian Olivera, Joshua Sanjurjo,
Ernie Flores

Mathematics (Grade 5)

- 1st Place Team: Chase Owen (El Portal), Kevin Moreyra (Jordan), Nemea Courelli (Macy),
David Rios (Meadow Green), Manshaa Verma (Olita),
- 2nd Place Team: Nicholas Berduo (El Portal), Emily Styx (Jordan), Nathan Hull (Macy),
Korynn Tryon (Meadow Green), Natalie Paul (Olita)
- 3rd Place Team: Ashton Ngo (El Portal), Vincent Garcia (Jordan), Rebekah Wilson (Macy),
Erik Howlin (Meadow Green), Sophia Mazzone (Olita)

Mathematics (Grade 6)

- 1st Place Team: Michael Krynen (El Portal), Jaxson Hutcherson (Jordan),
Shannon White (Macy), Dino Vazquez (Meadow Green), Aden Cota (Olita)
- 2nd Place Team: Alyssa Oliver (El Portal), Olivia Lona (Jordan), Roxanne Morales (Macy),
Emily Ota (Meadow Green), Jaynee Johnson (Olita)
- 3rd Place Team: Maya Gallardo (El Portal), Sage Tun (Jordan), Kaylee Cibrian (Macy),
Andrew Canda (Meadow Green), Cedric VanLandeghem (Olita)

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

- 1st Place Team: David Hultberg, Montgomery Hamabe, Alyssa Rueff, Danae Christerson
- 2nd Place Team: Christo Bakis, Viraj Bansal, Hunter Brintle, Nathan Zhao
- 3rd Place Team: Lauren Sanchez, Daimond Mejia, Katie Torres-Romero, Peter Jmaev

Oral Presentation (Grades 5 and 6)

- 1st Place: Jakob Makshanoff (Macy)
- 2nd Place: Jude Gonzalez (Meadow Green)
- 3rd Place: Emily Henderson (Jordan)

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

- 1st Place: Kailey Cooley
- 2nd Place: Tanya Lopez
- 3rd Place: Alexandria Barber

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

- 1st Place: Steven Ishii and Chandler Holquin
- 2nd Place: Taylor Perez and Bailey Schmidt
- 3rd Place: Nicole Rodriguez and Berenice Aguilera

Science (Grade 5)

- 1st Place Team: Jeremiah Juncaj (El Portal), Lauren Dickinson (Jordan),
Gavin McKenzie (Macy), Mason Bedford (Meadow Green), Carson Conley (Olita)
- 2nd Place Team: Emma Velderrain-Medina (El Portal), Andrew Baker (Jordan),
Isabella Cervantes (Macy), Mariano Quinero (Meadow Green), Sarah Abitria (Olita)
- 3rd Place Team: Bailey Pepper (El Portal), Ben Beasley (Jordan), Iliana Medrano (Macy),
Paul Perez (Meadow Green), Daniel Ha (Olita)

Science (Grade 6)

- 1st Place Team: Davess Verdugo (El Portal), Ian Salas (Jordan), Ellie Gonzales (Macy),
Linda Salgado (Meadow Green), Richard Davis (Olita)
- 2nd Place Team: Abby Montes, (El Portal), Olivia Lona (Jordan), Iris Martinez (Macy),
Emily Arce (Meadow Green), Devin Banks (Olita)
- 3rd Place Team: Ariana Cabrera (El Portal), Logan Dang (Jordan), Zoraya Aguilar (Macy),
Jude Gonzalez (Meadow Green), Arlett Parra (Olita)

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

- 1st Place Team: Viraj Bansal, Hunter Brintle, Amanda Lascano, Adam Steele
- 2nd Place Team: Tanya Jomaa, Makenzie Mangold, Colin McKenzie, Nikki Moreno
- 3rd Place Team: Taylor Perez, Connor Sorensen, Eddie Vasquez, Ninno Villareal

Spelling (Grades 5 and 6)

- 1st Place: Hailey Paek (Olita)
- 2nd Place: Lauren Magana (Jordan)
- 3rd Place: Erik Howlin (Meadow Green)

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

- 1st Place: Josiah Palmer
- 2nd Place: Jeremy Ruiz
- 3rd Place: Danae Christerson

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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