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CHALLENGER SCHOOL SETS THE BAR HIGH IN CALIFORNIA

San Jose, CA—August 19, 2009—In 2009, Challenger students in four states earned over 80 awards from state and national academic contests. As summer break comes to an end, Challenger students prepare to exceed educational standards once again in 2010.

California's 2009 academic award recipients are:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) National Science Bowl in Washington D.C.

- Sunnyvale Campus—Kshithij Shrinath, Kai Xiao, Tanay Nandgaonkar, Prayuj Pushkarna, and Debnil Sur. The team won first place at the Regional Middle School Science Bowl from San Jose and advanced to become one of the top 16 middle school teams in the United States for 2009. Showcasing their talents at the National Science Bowl in May of 2009, the team took third place competing against 6,000 other students.

Sandia Regional Science Bowl 2009

- Ardenwood Campus—Aditya Mukund, Rahul Joshi, Mark Chen, Ignatius Voon, and Ashwini Ramakrishnan

Bay Area Regional Science Olympiad 2009

- Ardenwood Campus—Shreya Malik, Brinda Perumal, Nidila Masha, Aditi Kumar, Shivani Vaidya, Harshita Gupta, Dipam Acharya, Neil Barot, Amogh Pershad, Sohun Patnaik, Nathan Dalal, Mayank Tiwari, Harish Venkat, and Ashwin Narkar

11th Annual Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge (Grades 5–8)

- Sunnyvale Campus—Anin Sayana is one of 50 semifinalists nationwide.

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Essay Contest (Grades 5–8)

- Almaden Campus (Los Gatos Chapter)—Christopher Correa and Michelle Matvey
- Harwood Campus (Los Gatos Chapter)—Aseem Jain and Melissa Mai

- Ardenwood Campus (Ohlone Chapter)—Bhavya Malladi, Anirudh Kumar, Adithya Shekhar, and Sangmin Kim
- Middlefield Campus (El Palo Alto Chapter)—Kylee Santos, Shai Mohan, Max Goumas, and **state winner, Eric Schmitt**
- Sunnyvale Campus (Los Altos Chapter)—Anjini Karthik, Arsh Saroya, Varun Krish Mohan, and Kylie Jue

National Geographic Bee's State Final (Grades 4–8)

- Ardenwood Campus—Anirudh Kumar
- Middlefield Campus—Claire Huang

Bay Area Regional Round of the Scripps National Spelling Bee (Grades 4–8)

- Almaden Campus—Anum Aslam
- Ardenwood Campus—Hannah Sternberg
- Berryessa Campus—Madhu Vijay
- Harwood Campus—Nura Kawa
- Middlefield Campus—Rahul Iyer
- Shawnee Campus—Shivani Thombare
- Strawberry Park Campus—Mahir Khan
- Sunnyvale Campus—Victoria Lin

34th Annual State Scholastic Chess Championships

- Ardenwood Campus—Abhishek Handigol

“What a delight it is to have such dedicated and enthusiastic students,” said Barbara Baker, CEO and founder of Challenger School. “We are engaged in our mission of teaching students to embrace challenge and find joy and self-worth through achievement. Our parents and teachers are committed to education, and it is gratifying to be a part of our students’ successes.”

In addition to the above academic contests, Challenger School encourages its students to attain a high degree of mastery in all traditional disciplines. Headquartered in Sandy, Utah, Challenger School is an independent private school with 20 campuses in California, Idaho, Nevada, and Utah that serves more than 10,000 preschool to 8th grade students annually. Challenger focuses on the foundations of knowledge (language arts, math, and logic) and emphasizes the rights and values described in America’s founding documents. For more information, go to ChallengerSchool.com.