

## *Academic Decathlon*

The Academic Decathlon is the premier academic competition in the nation. The state of Texas has won Nationals eleven of the past seventeen years. It consists of seven written tests of academic strength in economics, fine arts, language and literature, mathematics, science, and social science/history, demonstration of communication skills through an interview, an essay, and prepared and impromptu speeches, and the Super Quiz, a team event before an audience.

A unique aspect of the decathlon format is that it is designed to include students from all academic backgrounds. Each "nine-member" team must include three students whose grade-point average falls into "C" or Varsity category, three students in the "B" Scholastic category and the remaining students in the Honor category may have as high a grade-point average as possible. A team's final score is based on the cumulative points earned by the two top scoring students in each category. The competition results then are truly a team effort.

The state of Texas awards over \$150,000 annually to the winners of the state competition. Many universities consider participation in the academic decathlon program as a tremendous asset. This opens the door to many other opportunities at the college level. The program prepares students for college in many ways. One of the primary benefits of the program is learning to manage their time.

If you are interested in more information on how to become a member of this team and represent Flower Mound High School, submit the completed form with your registration or give it to **Mrs. Kemler/Ms. Tipton in Room 2625/2615.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Grade level \_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you work? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, how many hours a week? \_\_\_\_\_ -

What other school activities are you involved with? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you play any sports? \_\_\_\_\_ If so what? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your favorite hobbies? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to be a part of Academic Decathlon?