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**2011 Academic Rodeo Pentathlon Contest Results**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Academic Rodeo, produced by the East Texas State Fair completed the Pentathlon Contest. Over 70 schools registered for the 21<sup>st</sup> Academic Rodeo with 573 students participating in 14 competitive events. The Pentathlon Contests consists of students in grades 9-12 competing in teams to complete math, Science and Engineering Problems.

The Pentathlon Contest is conducted with Volunteer Support and Contest Coordination provided by the University of Texas at Tyler College of Education and Psychology. John Lamb, Ph.D, Assistant Professor Mathematics Education and Project Director, Teachers of Mathematics Collaborative UT Tyler School of Education; “This is the third year of providing a competition at the high school level that challenges a team’s mathematical skills. The first year solely focused on mathematics, but the last two years have challenged teams in mathematics, science and engineering. This competition challenges Teams to combine their individual strengths in chemistry, biology, physics, and mathematics to answer routine and non-routine problems as well as challenge them to collectively engineer a multiple purpose vehicle from a set of seemingly disconnected objects. The strength of this competition comes from the opportunity students are given to work together to solve a problem they typically could not complete on their own. These students are given a chance to problem solve in a way that closely models a real world situation.”

**Team Competition**

- First Place-** Hawkins Team A
- Second Place-**Arp Team B
- Third Place-**New Diana Team B

**Individual Competition-Based on percent correct over 2 tests taken**

- First Place-**Kimberly Plants Paris, New Diana
- Second Place-**Lloyd McGrath, Hawkins
- Third Place-**Victoria Stokley, New Diana

All winners are recognized at the Academic Rodeo Awards Celebration at the conclusion of the 2011 Academic Rodeo on February 24th.

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