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Saddleback College Students Win Scholarships in Academic Triathlon

Mission Viejo, CA – Fifteen Saddleback College students were awarded with scholarships after proving their all-encompassing math and science knowledge in the college’s seventh Academic Triathlon. The scholarships totaled $5,000, which was donated by the Associated Student Government.

Science instructor Dr. Jane Horlings started the event after she was inspired by her sister, who regularly competes in triathlons. “I started thinking that so much money goes into community college athletics and I wanted to do something to support the students who are more academically focused.”

Dr. Horlings collaborated with ten other faculty members and created the Academic Triathlon test, which consists of 250 multiple-choice questions. The questions cover a variety of math and science subjects, including computer science, marine biology, anatomy, chemistry, physical science and several math subjects. The test is similar to the GRE in that it surveys everything students have learned during their college studies. Students have two hours to complete the test and are prohibited from using a calculator.

“Dr. Horlings’ dedication to students is something to be admired,” said Dr. Tod A. Burnett, President of Saddleback College. “She put a lot of effort into this project and it’s an extremely difficult test. My congratulations go the scholarship winners.”

This year’s winners were: ($600 winners) Brian Atwood, Zane Harris-Gleason, Zach Hadley; ($400 winners) Phong Nguyen, Joe Ling, Ryan Palhidai, Nick Van Hoogenstyn; ($200 winners) Ryan Nickell, Matthew Jung, Dean Wyckoff, Chris Prabhu, Jesse Grimes, Anthony Camacho, Victoria Postigo, Andy Rochenbach.

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