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## **Media Advisory: GCI SchoolAccess Accompanies West Valley High School to United States Academic Decathlon**

**What:** GCI SchoolAccess will join students from West Valley High School as they compete in the United States Academic Decathlon (USAD) Nationals Competition. Earlier this year, West Valley High School won the GCI Alaska Academic Decathlon, which is sponsored by GCI, GCI SchoolAccess and many other organizations. As the winners of the GCI Alaska Academic Decathlon, West Valley High School will represent Alaska in the USAD Nationals Competition. The USAD Nationals Competition is a ten-event scholastic competition wherein students match their intellects with students from other schools.

**Who:** The West Valley High School team is coached by Robin Feinmann and Coby Haas and includes the following students.

- Stephen Chen
- Mara James
- Thomas McClelland
- Marx Smith
- John Spiers
- Paige Gieck
- Chloe Leach
- Julia Pender
- Riley Snow
- Jesse Zhang

GCI SchoolAccess President Pam Lloyd and Alaska Academic Decathlon State Director Curtiss Clifton will join Alaska's winning team at the USAD Nationals Competition.

**When:** April 27-30

**Where:** Charlotte, NC

**Website:** Details on the USAD Nationals Competition can be found at <http://usad.org/Competition/Upcoming.asp>

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**About the GCI Alaska Academic Decathlon**

The GCI Alaska Academic Decathlon is a statewide all-academic competition for high school students. It has been designated by the IRS as a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation. Visit <http://aad.gci.net/> for more information.