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**UIL ACADEMIC MEMBERS FROM TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL  
KICK-OFF CONTEST SEASON WITH 25 AWARDS EARNED  
DURING PRACTICE MEET**

*Texarkana, TX* – Texas High School University Interscholastic League Academic Team members kicked-off the contest season with 21 individual awards and four team awards during the recent January 7<sup>th</sup> UIL Practice Meet in Mt. Pleasant.

Placement, subject and coaching information is as follows:

**INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:**

**Calculator:** Jonathan Luna – 5<sup>th</sup> Place (12<sup>th</sup> Grade Calculator). Coached by Jennifer Karl.

**Current Events:** Bryan Berry – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place; Dylan Buchanan – 4<sup>th</sup> Place; Clayten Simpson – 5<sup>th</sup> Place. Coached by Lance Kyles.

**Editorial Writing:** Morgan Williams – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. Coached by Rebecca Potter.

**Feature Writing:** Carlye Hudspeth – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; Brianna Sellers – 6<sup>th</sup> Place. Coached by Rebecca Potter.

**Headline Writing:** Emily Hoover – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; Carlye Hudspeth – 5<sup>th</sup> Place. Coached by Rebecca Potter.

**Informative Speaking:** J. B. Wells – 5<sup>th</sup> Place. Coached by Amy Kemp.

**Lincoln-Douglas Debate:** Paige Oliver – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (Perfect Speaker Points received). Coached by Amy Kemp.

**Literary Criticism:** Emily Hoover – 1<sup>st</sup> Place. Coached by Anne Fruge.

**Mathematics:** Jonathan Luna – 4<sup>th</sup> Place (12<sup>th</sup> Grade Math). Coached by Amanda Wood.

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**News Writing:** Morgan Williams – 1<sup>st</sup> Place; Carlye Hudspeth – 5<sup>th</sup> Place.  
Coached by Rebecca Potter.

**Persuasive Speaking:** Riden Reiter – 1<sup>st</sup> Place; Paige Oliver – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place.  
Coached by Amy Kemp.

**Science:** Jonathan Luna – 4<sup>th</sup> Place (12<sup>th</sup> Grade Science). Coached by Bob Harris.

**Social Studies:** Abigail O’Gorman – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place; Victor Wedding – 4<sup>th</sup> Place.  
Coached by Chuck Zach.

**Spelling & Vocabulary:** Macy Shirley – 4<sup>th</sup> Place. Coached by Monica Washington.

**TEAM AWARDS:**

**Current Events:** Team of Bryan Berry, Dylan Buchanan, Celeste Henderson, Clayton Simpson & Alexis Williams – 1<sup>st</sup> Place. Coached by Lance Kyles.

**Literary Criticism:** Team of Jessi Chapman, Emily Hoover, Heather Lanier, Alex Walker & Victor Wedding – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. Coached by Anne Fruge.

**Social Studies:** Team of Heather Lanier, Sherry Phillips, Abigail O’Gorman & Victor Wedding – 1<sup>st</sup> Place. Coached by Chuck Zach.

**Spelling & Vocabulary:** Team of Courtney Ray, Macy Shirley & Ashley Westley – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. Coached by Monica Washington.

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