

UNITED STATES ACADEMIC DECATHLON
The Roberts/Caperton Inspiration Award
NOMINATION FORM

The Roberts/Caperton Inspiration Award was created by the United States Academic Decathlon Board of Directors to honor two Founding Board members. These Board members both demonstrated great dedication and commitment to the Academic Decathlon even during the final difficult years of their lives. This award is presented to student decathletes at any level or category of competition who demonstrate a high degree of dedication, strength of character, team leadership, perseverance and commitment while overcoming significant obstacles or unusual circumstances to participate in the United States Academic Decathlon. The Board welcomes nominations from USAD coaches during the course of each competition year, and appropriate public recognition will be determined for the most deserving nominees.

_____ From _____ High School in the state of _____ is hereby nominated for The Roberts/Caperton Inspiration Award for the 2024 – 2025 competition year.

Please answer the questions below in a thorough manner, numbering the responses accordingly, and include those responses with your submission to the email address noted below.

1. What special circumstances have made the accomplishments of this nominee more challenging, more difficult and more noteworthy than those of other Decathlon competitors?
2. Please describe the role of the nominee on the Academic Decathlon team. Anecdotal information is helpful. Are the nominee’s awards important with relevance to the “special circumstances”?
3. If applicable, please provide any other relevant information you would like the Selection Committee to know about the nominee.

Please mark appropriately below:

- Decathlete will be attending Nationals in Pittsburgh, PA.
- Decathlete will be participating in: Small Medium Large Online National Competition.
- Decathlete is a participating team member but will not be participating in any of the above competitions.

My parent(s) or guardian and I hereby release from all liability and responsibility the USAD and its Board of Directors, Officers, Agents, Representatives, Staff, Attorneys, and Volunteers and hold each of them harmless from any damage or injury which may be incurred or caused by me before, during or following any such competition, including travel. We further consent to the release of information about or relative to my participation in competition activities and my nomination for The Roberts/Caperton Inspiration Award, including all matters of the competition, scores, receiving awards, photographs, sound and video recordings, webcasting, live-streaming and other forms of sound and video transmission and any other data. USAD shall have full rights to reproduction and use of all such materials. As part of the 2025 Finals, USAD has permission to gather survey information from me regarding my participation in the United States Academic Decathlon (survey, alumni participation, etc.). We further consent to the public disclosure of any of my personal information provided to USAD in relation to my nomination for The Roberts/Caperton Inspiration Award, including but not limited to any medical conditions or diagnoses, substance abuse, criminal background, financial distress, living situation, or other personal challenges, unless prior to such disclosure I have delivered written notice instructing USAD not to share any of such personal information.

Note: If the Roberts/Caperton Selection Committee believes that there is not a qualified recipient, the award will not be presented that year. The Committee recognizes that the decision is somewhat subjective based on the Board members' backgrounds and personal experiences.

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| Student Signature | Date | Parent/Guardian Signature | Date |
| Coach Signature | Date | School Administrator Signature and Title | Date |
| Coach Contact Number | | Coach Email | |
| School Address | City | State | Zip |

Coaches must submit nominations to the following email account no later than **March 31, 2025**: awards@usad.org Nominations received after the date above will **NOT** be considered.