



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF THE LOWER NAUGATUCK VALLEY

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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB TAKES FIRST PLACE
IN ACADEMIC DECATHLON**

Shelton, CT, February 9, 2012 – The Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley took first place in the Boys & Girls Clubs of Connecticut's 3rd Annual Academic Decathlon.

Our Club members joined five other clubs from around the state at the Boys & Girls Club and Family Center of Bristol for a day of fun academic-themed events covering eight different school subjects. The five other clubs were from Stamford, Wakeman, Greenwich, Hartford, and the Bristol club.

The event started at 11 am with registration and lunch, which was partly sponsored by the Bristol ShopRite. The kids had grinders, chips, water, and an amazing cake. After an introduction and going over the expectations for the day, the kids were off to their first station. The stations included math, science, history, physical education, the arts, English, music, and critical thinking. Although each station had a specific educational subject, they were all about working together as a team and having fun. For example, at the science station the teams had to build the largest Lego structure, and the record for the day was 58 inches.

After each team competed at all eight stations, the day concluded with the announcement of the champion, and the winner of the coveted Academic Cup. The Bristol team came in third place, team Greenwich took home second place, and our Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley took first place.

Our many thanks go to Jona Paradis, Education and Technology Director of the Boys & Girls Club and Family Center of Bristol, for implementing a great event.

For more information about the Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley, visit us at www.BGC-LNV.com.

Caption: Holding the trophy are (L-R) Robert Correia, Julia Peebles, and Aaliyah Sanchez. Standing behind them (L-R) are Luis Vega, Shelby Palmieri, Phoenix Kiely, Matthew Whelan, Mike Leone, Edwin Maldonado, and Keyur Shah.

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