

# L.A. gymnastics school has successful year

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Numerous national, regional and state accomplishments marked the just-completed 2012 season for the Los Angeles-based Broadway Gymnastic School.

Evan Pakshong and Cassandra Diaz, two of its level 9 athletes, qualified for the Junior Olympic Western Championships. Only the top 12 all-around gymnasts qualify from each age group from their region.

Each also qualified for the Region 1 team competition at the regionals. Only the top 12 qualify to compete as regional team members. Region 1 is comprised of California, Utah, Arizona and Nevada. The Region 1 team also won the super team part of the competition, which is a combination of points from the entire competition.

At the regionals, Diaz (Junior B age division) and Pakshong (Junior C division) placed second on the balance beam. Pakshong was sixth in all-around and Diaz was seventh.

At Southern California's level 8-10 state championships, Pakshong was second on beam, fifth on bars and 10th in all-around. Diaz was fourth on bars, seventh on vault and fifth in all-around. Madison De Young was fourth on vault and eighth on floor. Cydney Kone placed seventh on beam and Claire Hadley was fifth on bars and floor and fourth in all-around.

Broadway's level 8 state championship qualifiers include Jade Duncan, Chloe Meshel-Wood, Caroline Spertus and Kaila Wong. Spertus won the level 8 title on beam, second on floor, sixth on bars and fifth in all-around. Duncan was fourth in all-around and on floor and fifth on vault. Meshel-Wood took seventh on floor.

Broadway level 7 state championship qualifiers include Edie Graber, Rowan Wong, Ashley Holly, Abigail DeShazo, Reanna Wauer, Abby Anderson, Isabelle Paquette, Eve Jackson and Tia Lumer.

Additional team wins throughout the season include: Broadway girls level 4 team placing first and the level 5 team taking the second. The level 4 and 5 teams also won the title at BGS's Pacific Sun Classic. The level 9 team was first at the Chris Waller's Heart of a Champion Invitational and placed third at Gymnastics In The Wine Country.

Bryan De Los Santos, Jake Feldmann and Thomas Chin, level 10 gymnasts from Broadway, all qualified for the US men's Junior Olympic nationals.

De Los Santos placed third on the parallel bars and ninth on rings.

At state, De Los Santos was third on rings, sixth on the parallel bars, seventh on floor and 11th in all-around. Feldmann was eighth on vault, ninth on the parallel bars and 10th in all-around.

Broadway boys level 5 and 6 teams placed third at Peter Vidmar Men's Invite and the level 6 team was fourth at the Stanford Open.