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NM Spanish Spelling Bee Champs to Compete in Inaugural National Bee

On April 9, 2011, NMABE held its 16th annual State Spanish Spelling Bee at the National Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque, NM. It was a fulfilling activity for parents, school teachers and administrators, and students alike. The event offers a premier opportunity for ALL district Spanish Spelling Bee champs from across New Mexico to showcase their academic control of Spanish orthography. Winners of the Bee will compete in the Inaugural National Spanish Spelling Bee, co-sponsored by the New Mexico Association for Bilingual Education (NMABE) and the Alliance for Multilingual Multicultural Education (AMME) in July.

As contestants prepare for local, state and now a national Spanish spelling bee, they accrue valuable skills for academic learning. For example, they develop dictionary skills as they look up definitions, building greater understanding of the language. Word origins are also analyzed and since thousands of Spanish words come from Greek, Latin and Arabic, the contestants increase their lexical repertoire to excel in many areas of study, such as math, science, literature, etc. Finally, the bees not only validate and give equity to the Spanish language, but they also contribute greatly to the development of a positive self-image of the contestants.



Students register for competition.



Students prepare to go onstage.



And the competition begins!

Below: Emilia Vigil, NMABE President, Jesus Moncada, NMABE President-Elect, and Mr. and Mrs. Esmeraldo Saenz, representative for Santillana USA, NMABE Spelling Bee Sponsor, congratulate the winners of the 2011 NMABE State Spanish Spelling Bee.



First Place: Germán Rojero, 8th Grade
Los Lunas Middle School

NMABE 2011 State Spanish Spelling Bee Winners



Second Place: Alex González, 8th Grade
Taylor Middle School, Lovington



Third Place: Andrea Ramírez, 8th Grade
Santa Teresa Middle School, Gadsden



Fourth place: Evelyn Juárez, 6th Grade,
Carlos F. Vigil Elementary, Española



Fifth place: Antonella Vázquez, 7th
Grade, Cuba Middle School

NMABE Bilingual Education Scholarship Recipient Receives Degree

On May 12, 2010, Laura Zunie participated in the University of New Mexico's ceremonial recognition of all Native American students receiving their university degree in 2011. Laura received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from the university this spring, having completed all required coursework in the approved Bilingual Education Teacher Preparation program. Laura is proud of her accomplishment, as is her husband Willard Zunie and the entire family.



The New Mexico Association for Bilingual Education awards \$500 renewable scholarships each semester to New Mexico college Juniors and Seniors who have been accepted into an approved Bilingual Education Teacher Education Program in a New Mexico college or university. Information about requirements for the NMABE Bilingual Education scholarship can be found at www.nmabe.net.

And congratulations to you, Laura, for a job well done!

Don't Miss the National Bee! July 9, 2011



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The First Annual Santillana National Spanish Spelling Bee

July 9, 2011 The National Hispanic Cultural Center Albuquerque, New Mexico

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The New Mexico Association for Bilingual Education (NMABE), along with the Alliance for Multilingual Multicultural Education (AMME), Bee sponsors and other organizers, invite you to the very first National Spanish Spelling Bee Competition in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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