

Eighteen Whitefield Academy students earn prestigious National Spanish Exam medals

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SMYRNA — Congratulations are in order for 18 Whitefield Academy Spanish students who attained national recognition and medals for excellent performance on the 2018 National Spanish Examinations. In all, 25 Whitefield students were recognized, earning one Gold medal, four Silver medals, thirteen Bronze medals and seven Honorable Mentions.

The National Spanish Examinations are a motivational contest administered by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese to recognize student achievement in the study of Spanish, and to stimulate further interest in the teaching and learning of Spanish. The online tests are given voluntarily by over 4000 teachers throughout the United States to measure proficiency and achievement of students who are studying Spanish as a second language. They are the most widely used tests of Spanish in the United States.

More than 160,000 students nationwide participated in the 2018 NSE. Thanks to the students' hard work and outstanding instruction from Whitefield Spanish teachers Señora Opal Anderson-Curling and Señor Jose Lezcano, Whitefield Spanish students have a long history of high achievement on the exams. This year, Whitefield recognized:

Level 2: Silver — Isabelle Jordan, Lexi Kantor; Bronze — Anna Ayalew, Brooke Bergeron, Kaylee Burnett, Anna Cochran, Lindsey Fry, Scott Hellier, Chase Watson.

Level 3: Gold — Everett Sinclair; Silver — Matthew Hogan; Bronze — Anna Bracher, Annie Edwards, Maddie King, Mariana Hough, Grayson Nour.

Level 4: Silver — Donovan Pearce; Bronze — Zachary Justice.

Seven additional Whitefield students were awarded Honorable Mentions for their skills: Haley Burgess, Lilly David, Micah Messner, Hannah Stevens, Kiana Copland, Adria Stevens, Will Thomas.

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