

# TUPELO

PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT



## **Gan Lim Wins 13-Round Spelling Bee Battle**

**TUPELO, Miss.** — With one correct spelling, Cathleen Gan Lim knew she would be deemed champion. Not a problem.

The sixth-grader from Milam calmly stepped up to the mic, faced the pronouncer and confidently and carefully spelled, C-A-L-Z-O-N-E, to win the 2020 Tupelo Public School District Spelling Bee at the Hancock Leadership Center.

The winning word came in the 13<sup>th</sup> round, where she held off second-place and third-place finishers Chloe Long of the middle school and Michael Wilemon of Lawhon, respectively.

“I’m glad that’s over,” Gan Lim said with a nervous-like smile. “I was so nervous.”

Both Gan Lim and Long advanced to the Lee County Championships, slated for Feb. 4 at the Hancock Leadership Center.

## **All Participants**

### **Lawhon**

Michael Wilemon  
John Riley Giedd

### **Lawndale**

Averly Raines  
Owen Stanford

**Milam**

Eli Johnson  
Cathleen Gan Lim

**Pierce Street**

Gavin Starks  
Joseph Reed

**Rankin Elementary**

Ladarious Johnson  
Ava Davenport

**Tupelo Middle School**

Chloe Long  
Ella Grace Ramels