



INSPIRATION

from County Superintendent, Ted Alejandre



Spring is officially here, and student talent throughout San Bernardino County is in full bloom!

Hundreds of students throughout the county have continued to explore new ways to expand their learning at several events and competitions.

SBCSS is exceptionally proud to support and foster a variety of experiences where students can showcase their many skills and talents.

Thank you to all those who continue to encourage our students across the county to stay engaged and dedicated to their academic success.

In partnership,

Ted Alejandre



The Newsroom

Student Talent Shines Countywide



Hundreds of students throughout San Bernardino County showcased their talents during multiple arts education events.

Elementary, middle and high school student musicians were given the opportunity to perform in the 2023 Basin Honor Bands, Honor Orchestras and High Desert Honor Bands performances. Students who performed had to qualify for a spot on stage, with each student having to audition for professional musicians.

SBCSS also hosted the 2023 Poetry Out Loud Countywide Finals where Faith Bakhos, a student from Big Bear High School, placed first. After being named the county champion, Bakhos went on to represent San Bernardino County in the California State Finals.

More than 400 submissions were entered into the The Young Artists' Gallery competition from students across the county. Nearly 150 original works of art were selected to be put on display in an exhibit at California State University, San Bernardino.

Please join us for our final arts education event, the [Performing Arts Showcase](#), on April 4 at the California Theater of the Performing Arts.

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Spelling Bee Gives Students Something to Buzz About



More than two dozen students from 12 school districts throughout San Bernardino County participated in this year's county Spelling Bee contest. Participants from fourth grade through eighth grade were challenged to spell words from a designated list. As the competition progressed, each word became more and more challenging.

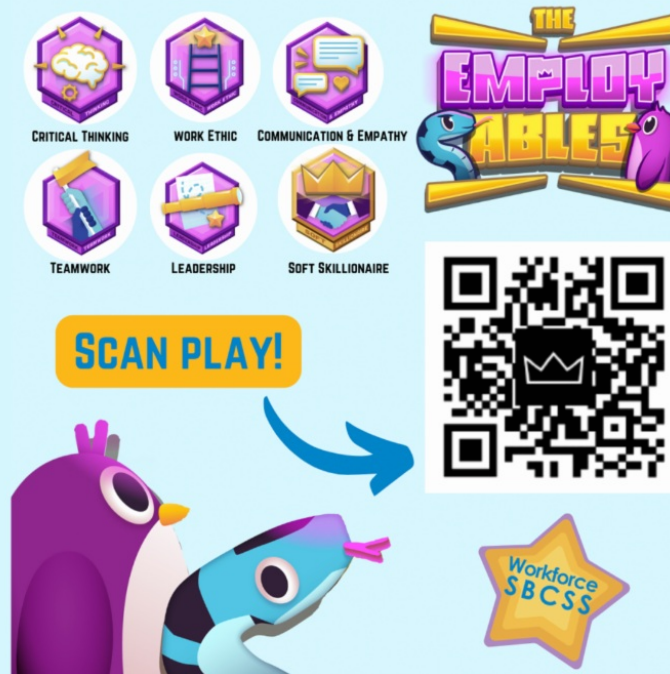
Congratulations to Phoebe Laguna, a fifth grader from Granite Mountain Charter School, and Jupharneer Singh, an eighth grader from Etiwanda School District's Heritage Intermediate School!

The two first place champions will now compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in May.

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Mobile Game Takes Students' Skills to a "Hire" Level



“The Employables,” a free-to-play mobile game, offers students a safe and fun digital space to practice the soft skills employers are looking for such as decision-making, collaboration and forward thinking.

The simulation-style mobile game was created by SBCSS Workforce, Mountain Desert Economic Partnership and app developer, Skillsgapp.

The app is now available to download on the Apple App Store or Google Play Store and is free to play.

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It Takes a Village: Community Partners Come Together to Help Youth in Need



Representatives from San Bernardino and Riverside counties came together to collaborate and strategize ways to provide tools and resources for youth and their families as they work to overcome adverse experiences.

Educators, child welfare, statewide advocacy groups, the Department of Behavioral Health and others learned new ways to engage, motivate and improve outcomes for youth in foster care or those experiencing homelessness.

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Resources



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Parents and guardians can use the Cradle to Career Roadmap to help identify key milestones in a child's academic and social readiness. SBCSS encourages partnerships with all sectors of the community to support the goal of meeting the educational needs of all students from cradle to career.



PROFESSIONAL LEARNING SERVICES

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Educators across the county can use the Professional Learning Services to help identify key resources, support and professional development workshops for the 2022-2023 academic year.

SBCSS is committed to the success of ALL students by providing an equitable, rigorous and engaging education.



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