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Virgin Islands Department of Education Celebrates Outstanding Student Spellers in Upcoming District Spelling Bee Competitions

The Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE) proudly announces the much-anticipated District Spelling Bee Competitions, which will take place simultaneously on Thursday, February 20, 2025, in both the St. Thomas-St. John and St. Croix Districts. This academic showcase will bring together exceptional students from across the Territory who have demonstrated unwavering dedication, discipline, and a love for words as they vie for the top spot in their respective districts.

The St. Thomas-St. John District Spelling Bee will be held at the Ruth E. Thomas Auditorium, while the St. Croix District Spelling Bee will take place at the Free Will Baptist High School Chapel. Both competitions will be held at 9:00 a.m. These young scholars have spent countless hours sharpening their spelling, language, and vocabulary skills, and their hard work will be on full display in what promises to be an electrifying competition.

Commissioner Dionne Wells-Hedrington extended her heartfelt congratulations to the student spellers, stating: "We are incredibly proud of all students for their perseverance and commitment to academic excellence. The Spelling Bee is a platform that fosters confidence, sharpens critical thinking, and enhances literacy. We commend every student for making it this far and wish them all the best as they take center stage on Thursday!"

St. Thomas-St. John District Spelling Bee Participants: **Amera Paul**, Calvary Christian Academy; **Harika Jhanawar**, All Saints Cathedral School; **Kamille Goya**, Moravian School; **Cameron Daley**, Yvonne E. Milliner Bowsky Elementary School; **Kaiden Lettsome-Dowe**, Antilles School; **Evan Fahie**, Lockhart K-8th School; **Juelz Micheal**, New Testament Academy; **Karma Dickman**, Joseph Sibilly Elementary School; **Marissa Fleming**, Julius E. Sprauve School; **Demia Carty**, Joseph Gomez Elementary School; **Oliver Fitch**, Homeschool.

St. Croix District Spelling Bee Participants: **Tamarah Mapp**, Claude O. Markoe PreK-6 School; **Ariana Henry**, Lew Muckle PreK-6 School; **Rayan Felix**, Free Will Baptist School; **Andrew Trotman**, Ricardo Richards PreK-6 School; **Ah'Niyah George**, Juanita Gardine PreK-8 School; **Aah'Jahniue Morris**, Good Hope Country Day School; **Vanda Crawford**, John H. Woodson Junior High School; **Aniyah J. Ortiz**, Alfredo Andrews PreK-6 School; **Layla Jacobs**, St. Patrick Catholic School; **Jahmir Greaux**, Eulalie Rivera PreK-8 School; **Chasidy Pickering**, Pearl B. Larsen PreK-8 School; **Alayna Marcel**, Church of God Holiness Academy.

The Virgin Islands Department of Education applauds every student for their hard work and dedication and extends deep appreciation to the parents, teachers, coaches, mentors, school administrators, and district spelling bee coordinators who have guided and supported them throughout their journey.

We invite the community to cheer on our young spellers and celebrate their achievements. Best of luck to all participants, we can't wait to see you shine!

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