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Fargo Public School District #1

FPS STUDENTS EARN SEALS OF BILITERACY PROFICIENCY

WHAT: North Dakota Seal of Biliteracy
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The Fargo Public Schools students listed below have been awarded the North Dakota Seal of Biliteracy by being judged proficient in a language other than English. Proficiency is assessed by an outside evaluator using the ACTFL Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages (AAPPL) for French, German, and Spanish and the ACTFL Latin Interpretive Reading Assessment (ALIRA) for Latin. Gold Seals of Biliteracy are awarded when students are rated at the Intermediate High Level and Silver Seals of Biliteracy are awarded when students are rated at the Intermediate Low Level.

The NDSB was established to recognize students and provide an identifier of this accomplishment for employers and post-secondary institutions. The NDSB serves to inspire the implementation of biliteracy programs and pathways of language development in districts across the state and help districts demonstrate value in diversity/culture.

Each student will receive a physical foil seal on their high school diploma, a certificate from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and an identifier on the student's eTranscript.

"We are thrilled to participate in the Global Seal of Biliteracy at Fargo Public Schools, it greatly enhances our students' future educational and professional opportunities," Davies High School French teacher Jill Bergren said. "Not only will they be awarded an official Seal of Biliteracy in North Dakota, but they will cross state and national boundaries, as the Global Seal connects their accomplishments to the global community. The Global Seal also allows our students to continue earning language credentials as they pursue language learning and improve their language skills at the post-secondary level and beyond."

The following Fargo Public Schools students earned Seals of Biliteracy:

NORTH DAKOTA SEAL OF BILITERACY

German Gold:

- North: Noam Pearson

Latin Gold:

- **Davies:** Ella Hanson, Cady Wang, Sawyer Winkelman
- **North:** Sophia Brakvatne, Gu Bu, Stellen Nelsen
- **South:** Elliot Fangsrud

Spanish Gold:

- **Davies:** Ethan Stroh, Alex Frank
- **North:** Maryn Schneider
- **South:** Kalyssa Nelson

French Silver:

- **Davies:** Keagan Erstad, Ellie Miller, Riley Scott, Grace Wanzek
- **North:** Esther Kearns, Autumn Momsen, Shemonti Noor, Christopher Torreson, Hazel Torreson
- **South:** Madysin Espeseth, Katelyn Farmen, Kaylee Kaufman, Jael Millien

German Silver:

- **Davies:** Devyn Dewald, Daniel Duff, Tate Jacobson, Savannah Johnson, Jeffery Mindemann
- **North:** Patton Bania, Karsen Brekke, Annika Erichsen, Jonah Kauffman, Cayla Walker

Latin Silver:

- **Davies:** Ariel Bahn, Abygail Ough
- **North:** Grant Disrud, Wyatt Frieler, Macy McShane, Ainsley Ness, McKenzie Olson
- **South:** Chloe Currier, Ryder Plummer

Spanish Silver:

- **Davies:** Alyssa Aarsvold, Andrés Aasheim, Kallie Andersen, Elsa Axtman, Mykah Barnick, Jaylee Bornemann, Golden Deebom, Kylie Johnson, Garyn Koch, Madeline Korbel, Payton Larson, Bruce Lin, Samantha Livingstone, Evelyn Meidinger, Charles Metzger, Brandon Mindemann, Jacob Opren, Emma Sanders
- **North:** Wyatt Anderson, JayLynn Bratton, Bryce Deitz, Alexis Fuher, Olivia Hammes, Kathryn Iverson, Olivia Kalbus, Signe Nagle, Kaitlyn Neuharth, Rylee Rastedt, Erika Rosa Salmeron, Annabel Satoris, Sienna Swanson, Allison Toay, Zachary Nesemeier
- **South:** Noah Hoss, Emma Osborn

Many students who earned the ND State Seal also qualified for the Global Seal of Biliteracy, a document that enables recipients to showcase their language skills to any school or employer across state lines and national borders. Students at the Advanced Low Level qualified for the Global Seal of “Working Fluency.” Students at the Intermediate Mid Level qualified for the Global Seal of “Functional Fluency.”

Global Seal of Biliteracy:

“Working Fluency”:

Latin:

- **South:** Elliot Fangsrud

Spanish:

- **South:** Kalyssa Nelson

“Functional Fluency”:

French:

Davies: Ellie Miller, Riley Scott, Grace Wanzek

German:

- **North:** Karsen Brekke, Annika Erichsen, Jonah Kauffman, Noam Pearson, Cayla Walker

Latin:

- **Davies:** Ella Hanson, Cady Wang, Sawyer Winkelman
- **North:** Sophia Brakvatne, Gu Bu, Stellen Nelson
- **South:** Chloe Currier

Spanish:

- **Davies:** Kallie Anderson, Elsa Axtman, Golden Deebom, Alex Frank, Garyn Koch, Bruce Lin, Evelyn Meidinger, Ethan Stroh
- **North:** JayLynn Bratton, Olivia Hammes, Signe Nagle, Rylee Rastedt, Erika Rosa Salmeron, Annabel Satoris, Maryn Schneider, Sienna Swanson, Alison Toay
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