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Virgin Islands Department of Education Celebrates Outstanding Student Spellers

The Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE) proudly congratulates all student participants in the District Spelling Bee Competitions held across the Territory in the St. Thomas–St. John District and the St. Croix District. These remarkable students demonstrated exceptional academic excellence, courage, focus, and determination as they competed for the prestigious title of District Champion.

The District Spelling Bees brought together some of the Territory’s most talented young scholars, each representing their schools with pride and perseverance. Through rigorous preparation, long hours of practice, and an unwavering commitment to learning, these student spellers showcased the power of literacy, discipline, and intellectual curiosity.

Commissioner Dionne Wells-Hedrington, Ed.D., applauded the students for their achievements and dedication. “Our student spellers exemplify what it means to pursue academic greatness with confidence and determination. Their hard work and passion for learning inspire us all. Every participant is a champion, and we celebrate their courage to step onto the stage and represent their schools and families with distinction.”

VIDE also extends sincere appreciation to the dedicated teachers, principals, parents, guardians, and school communities whose encouragement and support helped prepare students for this meaningful academic milestone. Their collective efforts continue to strengthen literacy development and foster a culture of academic achievement throughout the Territory.

The Spelling Bee competitions highlight the importance of language, communication, and scholarship, skills that empower students to succeed in school and beyond. Whether advancing to the next level of competition or returning to the classroom with new confidence, each participant has gained valuable experience that will contribute to their future success.

St. Thomas-St. John District

Winner - Melaya Petersen - 3rd Grade

2nd - Kashyma Paul - 6th Grade

3rd - Messiah Smith - 7th Grade

4th - Brendan Jackson - 4th Grade

5th - Raj Mipuri - 8th Grade

6th - Ashlyn Potter - 8th Grade

7th - Malik Williams - 8th Grade

8th - Nikai VanBeverhoudt - 8th Grade

9th - Tansy Vital - 8th Grade

10th - Hosea Sello - 7th Grade

St. Croix District

Winner - Rayan Felix - 7th grade

2nd - Patricia Daytic - 8th grade

3rd - Guillian Canceko - 4th grade

4th - Zawadi Bergan - 5th grade

5th - Jahmir Greaux - 8th grade

6th - Aisha Al-Jaloudi - 8th grade

7th - Grace Sookraj - 7th grade

8th - Charles Francis - 5th grade

9th - Aliyah Rivera - 8th grade

10th - Emmanuel Almestica - 6th grade

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