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Graduating Seniors Earn Minnesota Bilingual Seals

Owatonna, MN - Ten Owatonna seniors are receiving Minnesota Bilingual Seals as they graduate. Minnesota high school graduates earn bilingual seals or certificates by demonstrating proficiency in a world language and completing the required English Language Arts credits for graduation. Students may also earn credit at their college of choice.

Students who were measured proficient during their sophomore, junior or senior year and who are receiving the bilingual seals are:

- Nicole Aguirre-Saenz - Spanish
- Yahya Dahir - Somali
- Alan Ferrer Lopez - Spanish
- Olivia Honkanen - ASL
- Grace Lu - Mandarin Chinese
- Mercy Mwanga - Swahili
- Jacinto Quintana Guerra - Spanish
- Sabrin Rirash - Somali, Swahili, Arabic
- Bilal Said - Somali
- Eliseu Seguro - Portuguese

The seals were presented to students during the Academic and Scholarship Recognition Night on May 20, 2026.

The mission of Owatonna Public Schools is Inspiring Excellence - Every Learner - Every Day. To learn more about the school district, visit isd761.org or follow on social media - [@owatonna761](https://twitter.com/owatonna761).

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