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015-031: 2015 CA State Spelling Bee

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Ananya Vinay from Fresno County named 2015 CA State Elementary Spelling Bee Champion *54 students from 28 counties participated in the state championship*

Over 300 people gathered for the California State Elementary Spelling Bee hosted by San Joaquin County Office of Education for the fifth consecutive year on April 18, 2015. Fifty-four fourth- through sixth-grade students from 28 counties in California who have been certified as county champions by their County Superintendents of Schools competed for the championship.

After 18 rounds, Ananya Vinay, 10-year-old fourth-grader from Fresno County was named the 2015 California State Spelling Bee Champion. Her winning word was “stroganoff.” (Definition: sliced thin and cooked in a sauce of sour cream, mustard, onion and condiments.)

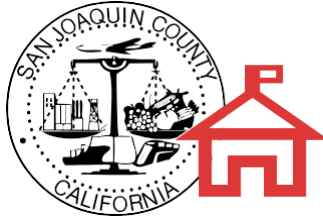
The top nine finalists (received trophies):

Caleb Luis, Marin County
Sepenta Shirvan, San Joaquin County
Andrew Crabtree, Santa Cruz County
Annie Wang, Marin County
Nicolas Keys, Amador County
Gloria Park, Stanislaus County
Varnika Kailash, Sonoma County
Camille Cheng, Santa Barbara County
Julian Gonzalez, Riverside County

Please see attached list for complete list of participants and what round they were eliminated in.

All students who participated received medals for their participation. The top nine finalists received trophies and Ananya was awarded the championship trophy.

The 2015 California State Elementary Spelling Bee was sponsored by Teachers College of San Joaquin. All participants received an iPod shuffle inside a Spelling Bee backpack and Ananya was awarded an iPad. For more information about Teachers College, visit teacherscollegesj.org.



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