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017-066: 2017 State Elementary Spelling Bee Results

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Ananya Vinay from Fresno County Named 2017 CA State Elementary Spelling Bee Champion

Fifty-seven students from 29 counties participated in the state championship

About 300 people gathered for the California State Elementary Spelling Bee hosted by San Joaquin County Office of Education for the seventh consecutive year on Saturday, May 13. Competing for the championship were 57 fourth- through sixth-grade students from 29 counties in California who had been certified as county champions by their county superintendents of schools.

After 16 rounds, Ananya Vinay, 12-year-old sixth-grader from Fresno County, was named the 2017 California State Spelling Bee Champion. Her winning word was “dipsomaniac.” (Definition: one affected with an uncontrollable, often periodic, craving for alcoholic liquors.) This is Ananya’s third state championship. She won the title in both 2015 and 2016.

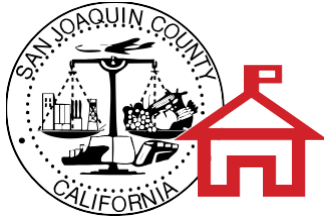
The top seven finalists (received trophies):

Alisha Chakravarty, Stanislaus County
Judah Kim, Santa Cruz County
June Musurlian, Los Angeles County
Nikhil Parikh, Merced County
Andrew Prasetya, Sonoma County
Tristan Torres, Santa Cruz County
Sarah Yee, Placer County

Please see attached list for complete list of participants and what round they were in when eliminated. Photos can be downloaded for broadcast or publication from: <http://bit.ly/2pwnimE>.

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

The 2017 California State Elementary Spelling Bee was sponsored by Teachers College of San Joaquin. All participants received a Kindle Fire inside a Spelling Bee backpack, and Ananya was awarded an iPad. For more information about Teachers College, visit teacherscollegesj.edu.



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