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018-057: State Elementary Spelling Bee Results

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Aziza Mohammed is 2018 CA State Elementary Spelling Bee Champion
Fifty-four students from 28 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 eighth consecutive year on Saturday, May 12. Competing for the championship were 54 fourth- through sixth-grade students from 28 counties in California who had been certified as county champions by their county superintendents of schools.

After 15 rounds, Aziza Mohammed, 11-year-old sixth-grader from Santa Clara County, was named the 2018 California State Spelling Bee Champion. Her winning word was “camaraderie.” (Definition: The spirit of friendly familiarity and goodwill that exists between comrades.)

The top four finalists (received trophies):

Vivian Le, Alameda County

Ava Carlson, Marin County

Mark Ames Salama, Marin County

Rishik Gandhasri, Santa Clara County

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

The 2018 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 Aziza was awarded an iPad. For more information about Teachers College, visit teacherscollegesj.edu.

Please see attached list for complete list of participants and what round they were in when eliminated. Photos and video can be downloaded for broadcast or publication from: <http://bit.ly/CABee2018>.

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