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Los Alamos High School French Students Ranked Nationally in Le Grand Concours



Thirty-eight students in Louise Foliot's French classes at Los Alamos High School were recognized as part of the 84th Le Grand Concours (National French Contest). according to Lisa Narug, National Director of *Le Grand Concours*. *Le Grand Concours* is a national competition sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French. Students were evaluated for their written, oral and listening comprehension skills in French. More than 72,000 students in all 50 states competed in the 2019 event.

Filippo Delzanno, Emily Holmes, Sofia Lebensohn and Eloise Schappert received Gold Medals.

Students awarded Silver Medals include Sarah Ali, Anna Batista, Carlos Chacon-Cuesta, Isabel Crooker, Daniel Deller, Kaisa Drew, Kyle Fenimore, Shena Han, Noah Lyons, Stephanie Peters, Neha Sadasivan and Robert Strauss,.

Bronze medals went to Maria Anghel, Talia Ben-Naim, Charlotte Carr, Miguel Chacon-Questa, Maksym Gerashchenko, Rhiann Johnson, and Shane Tobin.

Honorable mention honors went to Sona Akhadov, Alexandra Anghel, Ogden Berry, Sam Cirigliano, Katherine Elton, Sophie Fisher, Sruthi Garimella, Kyle Gentile, Autumn Hawkins, Eleanor Henderson, Marek Jablonski, Gwyneth Lyons, Savannah Morgan, Nilesch Mukundan, Audrey Nolen, Thomas Oldham, Trystan Osburn, Maya Rogers, Abril Romero, Eden Schmierer, Miriam Sintay, Leah Smith, Cassandra Storms, Andrew Watson, Katherine Whitley, and Maybelle Wilson.

"I am very proud of these students and their accomplishments." said Ms. Foliot. "Their dedication and hard work is evident in the number of awards they received in this year's competition."

AATF President Anne Jensen indicated: I would like to extend my special congratulations to those students who ranked nationally in *Le Grand Concours*. They have shown a superior level of French language skills, cultural competence, and commitment to French. It is my hope that these students will continue their interest in French and pursue study and travel opportunities as future ambassadors of the French language and the many cultures it represents. I would also like to congratulate the teachers who prepared nationally ranked students because without their dedication and hard work these students would not have



attained their ranking. Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to the parents who have supported and advocated for the French programs in their children's schools. Our Association is grateful to the dedication and hard work of everyone who share our passion for the promotion of French.

For more information about the National French Contest, please visit www.frenchteachers.org/concours.

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Photo one: French 3 and AP French students (left to right) Shena Han, Eloise Schappert, Filippo Delzanno, Noah Lyons, Isabel Crooker, Miguel Chacon-Questa, Carlos Chacon-Questa and Emily Holmes.

Photo two: French 2 students (left to right) Maybelle Wilson, Audrey Nolen, Katherine Elton, Marek Jablonski and Kyle Gentile.

Photo three: French 2 students (left to right) Matsumoto Gerashchenko, Charlotte Carr, Shane Tobin, Sofia Lebensohn, Kaisa Drew and Kyle Fenimore.

Photo four: French 1 students (front) Thomas Oldham, Savannah Morgan, Katherine Whitley and (back) Robert Strauss, Anna Batista and Sarah Ali.

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