

On April 25, 2024, high school students from North Carolina, Georgia and South Carolina gathered virtually to test their knowledge of French, Japanese and Spanish for the university's 41<sup>st</sup> annual Language Contest. The competition was sponsored by WCU's Department of World Languages.

Participating schools were Asheville School, Faith Middle-DoDEA, Manning High, NC Virtual School, Rabun Gap-Nacoochee, Smoky Mountain High

Winning students and schools in the competition categories are:

French Poetry Level 3: First, Prim Ngamsirijit, Asheville School

Japanese Conversation Level 1: First, Elizabeth-Jane Hill, Faith Middle-DoDEA

Japanese Conversation Level 2: First, Eduardo Lozano, NC Virtual School

Japanese MTG: First, Elizabeth-Jane Hill, Faith Middle-DoDEA; Second, Eduardo Lozano, NC Virtual School; Third, George Swan Tuite, Asheville School

Japanese Poetry Level 1: First, Elizabeth-Jane Hill, Faith Middle-DoDEA

Japanese Poetry Level 2: First, Eduardo Lozano, NC Virtual School

Spanish Conversation Level 1: First, Abby Barge, Rabun Gap-Nacoochee; Second, Hope Green, Rabun Gap-Nacoochee; Third, Cecilia Barry, Rabun Gap-Nacoochee

Spanish Conversation Level 2: First, Malak Said, Manning High; Second, Rowaida Said, Manning High

Spanish Conversation Native: First, Zulay Cruz, Manning High

Spanish MTG: First, Sofia Zuber, Asheville School; Second, Gabe Allen, Rabun Gap-Nacoochee; Third, Jackson Monteith, Smoky Mountain High

Spanish Poetry Level 1: First, Cecilia Barry, Rabun Gap-Nacoochee; Second, Emma Denisoff, Rabun Gap-Nacoochee; Third, Mya Burnett, Rabun Gap-Nacoochee

Spanish Poetry Level 2: First, Sylvia Bauguess, Smoky Mountain High

Spanish Poetry Level 3: First, Tianlu Qiao, Asheville School; Second, Eloise Durham, Asheville School; Third, Stella Yang, Asheville School

Spanish Poetry Level 4: First, Sofia Zuber, Asheville School; Second, Deeya Majeed, Asheville School

Spanish Video Level 1: First, Ella Ledford, Smoky Mountain High; Second, Jada Tiger, Rabun Gap-Nacoochee; Third, Summer Zavala, Rabun Gap-Nacoochee