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OMSD Students Demonstrate Their O-U-T-S-T-A-N-D-I-N-G Spelling Skills in the 14th Annual District Spelling Bee

Ontario-Montclair School District (OMSD) is excited to announce that on Saturday, January 22, 2022, twenty-two (22) students from various elementary and middle schools from throughout the District, proudly participated at the 14th Annual OMSD Spelling Bee.

"We were very excited to host our 14th Annual OMSD Spelling Bee with students competing in-person. It was wonderful to take part in an event that showcased the talents of our students. We truly have amazing students in this District." stated Ricky Ramirez, Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

For the first time ever, the event was held in-person for students and judges, while it was broadcasted live through Zoom, for families and audiences. The participants exhibited a tremendous amount of bravery and resiliency as they took the stage to spell their words while knowing their families, teachers, peers, and administrators were supporting them virtually.

Following eight challenging rounds, Daniel Munoz of Oaks Middle School was named this year's OMSD Champion Speller. Gioloyvan Goloran of Monte Vista Elementary School took 2nd place, and Amber Aleman of Haynes Elementary School and Kelly Hong Trieu of De Anza Middle School tied for 3rd place.

"Daniel is a very motivated and hard-working young man. He has persevered to win his classroom spelling bee contest, our Oaks Middle School Spelling Bee, and the OMSD Spelling Bee. We are very proud of him and how he has represented our school with such distinction. I look forward to seeing him compete in the San Bernardino County Spelling Bee." stated Principal Nick Zajicek, Oaks Middle School.

These four spellers will represent OMSD at the San Bernardino County Spelling Bee on March 23, 2022. The winner of the County competition will go on to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. in May.

Congratulations to all participants in this year's Annual OMSD Spelling Bee.

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