



Press Release

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St. Cecilia Academy students perform well on National Spanish Exam

St. Cecilia Academy turned in a strong performance on the National Spanish Exam. Amelia Simms, a senior, ranks fifth in Tennessee for the Level 4 exam; Genny Parkes, a freshman, ranks 8th in the state for the Level 2 exam. In total, 61 St. Cecilia Academy students received recognition for their performance on the exam.

The National Spanish Exam is the largest national language exam in the United States. Nationally, over 131,000 students competed in the exam, with 6,374 of them competing in Tennessee alone. The test is constructed to test all aspects of a student's language knowledge, including listening, reading and comprehension skills as well as vocabulary and grammar knowledge.

The following SCA students are recognized for their outstanding performance:

Level 1 Silver Medal—Angela Bonvissuto, Dana Lee; **Level 1 Bronze medal**—Chloe Page, Margaret Mech; **Level 1 Commended**—Molly Humphreys, Amy Bray, Rebecca Conners, Madison Curley, Kaitlyn Dedman, Michelle Dicks, Bayli Boyd, Meredith Copeland, Brady Diaz-Barriga, Abby Link

Level 2 Gold Medal—Genny Parkes; **Level 2 Silver Medal**—Emily Butcher, Susan Kleman, Lane Vaughn; **Level 2 Bronze Medal**—Abby Beasley, Alanna Foley, Emma Lambert, Madeline Sposato; **Level 2 Commended**—Chrissy Barton, Ashley Earthman, Rachel Earthman, Courtney Emoff, Ellie Fike, Alex Forrest, Abby Locker, Emma MacCurdy, Keely McCulla, Margaret Morgan, Taylor O'Brien. Caitlin Perry, Mary Ann Russell, Clare Sherlog, Emily Warren, Kira Wells

Level 3 Silver Medal—Angellena Berberich-Eerebout, Catie Brown, Claire Horrell; **Level 3 Bronze Medal**—Maggie Ward, Ellie Vaughn, Maria Bonvissuto, Katy Wahl, Annie Shepherd; **Level 3 Commended**—Caitlyn Lovell, Sara Mihalko, Anna Nelson, Francesca Brogden, Rachel Davis, Amelia Furbish, Nicky Guglielmi, Kayla Karlovic, Maggie Page, Vian Pulous, Ferlicia Ranellucci, Lynn Ryan, Jill Ryan, Lindsey Tipps

Level 4 Gold Medal—Amelia Simms, Monika Weisman; **Level 4 Silver Medal**—Sara Hornberger; **Level 4 Bronze Medal**—Sarah Overby, Brigid Wahl, Larisa Yackow; **Level 4 Commended**—Alex Brink, Ann Quigley, Mary Waddill

St. Cecilia Academy is Nashville's oldest private high school, founded in 1860 by the Dominican Sisters of the St. Cecilia Congregation. The Academy has been named to the Top 50 best Catholic high schools in the U.S. list four times since 2004. Seventy-eight percent of the Class of 2009 earned college scholarships totaling \$4.6 million. Five St. Cecilia Academy students—9% of the senior class—have been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program for high scores on the PSAT for 2009.