

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

# **Results from the 2024 CCS District Spelling Bee**

*Horton's Moose finished first overall, will represent CCS in Charlotte*

BEAR CREEK, NC (February 7, 2024) – 56 spellers from grades K-8 were invited to Chatham Central High School Wednesday night for the 2024 Chatham County Schools' District Spelling Bee. Four spellers from each K-8 school placed 1st-4th at their individual school spelling bee qualifiers, and were then invited to the district spelling bee at CCHS.

After about two hours of intense competition, the final field was set. George Moses Horton Middle's Helen Moose, Moncure's Ivan Luis Ramirez and Juliet Antley, North Chatham Elementary's Andrew Brondon, and Perry Harrison Elementary's Beatrice Allen qualified for the final round.

Here is how the overall places were determined.

- Moose and Brondon qualified for the 1st place round, after Allen, Antley, and Ramirez misspelled their words.
  - Brondon then misspelled **quid pro quo**
  - Moose spelled **Yorkshire** correctly, and then spelled **asthmatic** to clinch 1st place overall, with Brondon finishing in 2nd place.
- Ramirez, Allen, and Antley qualified for the 3rd place round
  - Allen misspelled **turgor**, while Ramirez correctly spelled **bittern**, and Antley spelled **phenotype** to go on to compete for 3rd place.
    - After an additional four rounds, Ramirez misspelled **ulna**
    - Antley spelled **bango** correctly, and then spelled **Corinthian** to clinch 3rd place overall.

Ms. Moose will represent Chatham County Schools in the Carolina Panthers North Carolina Regional Spelling Bee at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte on March 17th. If for some reason Ms. Moose cannot attend the Charlotte regional, Mr. Brondon will compete in her place.

For more information, please contact John V. Wood, district public information officer, at [jwood@chatham.k12.nc.us](mailto:jwood@chatham.k12.nc.us) or at (919) 548-3586.

Here is a list of every invited speller and their respective school:

**Bennett**

Hadley Frye  
Emerson Scott  
Harper Scott  
Averie Scott

**Bonlee**

Carson Gaines  
Michael Clark  
Landon Harvey  
Collin Palmer

**Chatham Grove Elementary**

Scarlett Gent  
Matthew Sherman  
Elie Kedagni  
Joy Forester

**Chatham Middle**

Sergio Vargas  
Vicente Martinez  
Morgan Brooks  
Joseph Barrera

**GM Horton**

Helen Moose - OVERALL FIRST PLACE  
Nico Triglianos

Matthew Ferrin  
Ashleigh Trombley

**JS Waters**

Charlee Hart  
Ben O'Hare  
Na'Ziya Brim  
Alyssa Stout

**MB Pollard**

Kaylee Slough  
Micah DeBolt  
Zoe Hayes  
Caroline Brown

**Moncure**

Hailie Rodriguez  
Lydia Smith  
Ivan Luis Ramirez - MADE IT TO FINAL ROUND  
Juliet Antley - OVERALL THIRD PLACE

**North Chatham**

Sydney Wolfe  
Sophie Jozwiak  
Robert Pena Sequera  
Andrew Brondon - OVERALL SECOND PLACE

**Perry W. Harrison**

Beatrice Allen - MADE IT TO FINAL ROUND  
Jael Jo  
Eleanor Lanigan  
Iris Jacobs

**Pittsboro Elementary**

Sullivan Belford  
Valaria Duran Touma  
Jeronia Tawdrous

Alivia Zawada

**Siler City Elementary**

Sophia Aguila

Zayden McSwain

Lanabellah Spainhour

Sean Soria Mora

**Silk Hope**

Sophie Lukomski

Joel Garner

Zurie Stovall

Jaxon Dixon

**Virginia Cross**

Kaelyn Montiel Vargas

Darlicia White

Kevin Archila Sandoval

Alex Newby

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