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024-031: State Spelling Bee Results

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2024 California State Spelling Bee Champions Announced

91 students from across the state competed at the State Elementary and Junior High Spelling Bee in Stockton at the San Joaquin County Office of Education

Spelling champions from counties across the state came to the San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE) in Stockton to compete in the California State Spelling Bee championships on Saturday, April 27. Competing for the state elementary championship were 47 fourth- through sixth-grade students. There were 44 seventh- through ninth-grade students competing in the junior high championship. All competitors from both divisions had been certified county champion by their home county's superintendent of schools. The winner for each division received a championship trophy. Each division runner-up also received a trophy.

Elementary Division (fourth through sixth grade):

The 2024 California State Elementary Spelling Bee champion is Oliver Halkett, sixth grade student from Los Angeles County. Winning word: pityriasis.

The runner-up is Priya Sekera, sixth grade student from Placer County.

Junior High Division (seventh through ninth grade):

The 2024 California State Junior High Spelling Bee champion is Shradha Rachamreddy, eighth grade student from Santa Clara County. Winning word: zhuzh (or zhoosh).

The runner-up is Dhruv Subramanian, eighth grade student from Contra Costa County.

Photos for publication and student lists are available at bit.ly/CABee2024Media.

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