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## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual San Joaquin County Spelling Bee Championship

On December 8, the fourth- through sixth-grade and seventh- through ninth-grade students from throughout the county participated in the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual San Joaquin County Spelling Bee Championship held at San Joaquin County Office of Education.

The winners are as follows:

### ***Fourth- through sixth-grade division:***

The First-Place winner is Annamarie Gayla, a sixth-grader of Waverly Elementary in Linden Unified School District.

The Second-Place winner is Samuel Zelalem, a sixth-grader of Bella Vista Christian Academy.

Both Annamarie and Samuel will move on to participate in the California State Elementary Spelling Bee Championship on April 16, 2011 at the San Joaquin County Office of Education.

### ***Seventh- through ninth-grade division:***

The First-Place winner is Julie Fukunaga, a seventh-grader of Elkhorn School in Lodi Unified School District. "I enjoyed competing, and am grateful that everyone came to watch and support us."

The Second-Place Winner is Aditya Gupta, a ninth-grader at Tracy High in Tracy Unified School District.

Both Julie and Aditya will participate in the California State Junior High Spelling Bee Competition on May 14 at Miller Creek School in San Rafael, California. The SJCOE Educational Foundation will pay the \$350 entry fees.

First-place winners received a \$100 Savings Bond and plaque for first-place, second-place winners received a \$50 Savings Bond and plaque for second-place, and all participants received a certificate and medal.

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