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## Evan Fahie Wins 52nd Territorial Spelling Bee, Set to Represent USVI at Scripps Nationals

**Fahie, a student at Lockhart K-8, took 1st place in the 52nd Territorial Spelling Bee. He will travel to Maryland for the Scripps National Spelling Bee, earning a 6-night stay & prizes, including a Chromebook and round-trip tickets from Seaborne Airlines.**

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**2025 Territorial Spelling Bee First Place Winner Evan Fahie. By. V.I. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

The V.I. Department of Education has officially announced and congratulated the winners of the 52nd Annual Territorial Spelling Bee, recognizing their impressive linguistic talents and dedication to academic excellence.

This highly anticipated event, which brings together top spellers from across the territory, showcased the determination, skill, and resilience of participating students.

### **Top Winners Announced**

The VIDE extended its congratulations to the competition's top three winners:

- First Place: Evan Fahie, Lockhart K-8 School
- Second Place: Rayan Felix, Free Will Baptist School
- Third Place: Jahmir Greaux, Eulalie Rivera PreK-8 School

### **Awards and Recognition**

Each participant in the spelling bee received a:

- Medallion
- Certificate of participation
- Backpack bundle
- Tablet and book bag bundle
- Flash drive, notebook, and mouse pad bundle
- VI Territorial Spelling Bee t-shirt

The top three spellers were awarded a Spelling Bee trophy, a Chromebook computer from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH), and a Longman Dictionary from Pearson.

### **Grand Prize and National Representation**

The 2025 Territorial Bee Champion, Evan Fahie, will receive additional prizes, including:

- A one-year subscription to the official dictionary of the Scripps National Spelling Bee – the Merriam-Webster Unabridged Online Dictionary
- A battery power bank
- The U.S. Virgin Islands Social Studies Civics Textbook
- Two round-trip tickets on Seaborne Airlines, courtesy of the VIDE State Office of Curriculum and Instruction

Additionally, Fahie has earned a six-night stay at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland, during the week of Memorial Day 2025, where he will represent the U.S. Virgin Islands in the Scripps National Spelling Bee. This grand prize is sponsored by the Virgin Islands Daily News.

VIDE expressed appreciation for the support of individuals and organizations that made this event a success. Their contributions played a crucial role in nurturing students' talents and fostering a culture of academic achievement.

Gift sponsors included Cane Bay Cares, Scholastic Incorporated, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Pearson Education and Seaborne Airlines.