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District Spelling Bee Winners Announced; Territorial Competition Set For March 24

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From left to right, Shadya Coureur and Naitik Jhanwar. By. THE V.I. DEPT. OF EDUCATION

Shadya Coureur, an eighth grader at St. Croix's Free Will Baptist Christian School, and Naitik Jhanwar, a seventh grader at All Saints Cathedral School on St. Thomas, are winners of the 2022 St. Croix and St. Thomas-St. John District Spelling Bees, respectively, held on Thursday, the V.I. Dept. of Education has announced.

Coureur emerged as St. Croix's top speller after correctly spelling "complacency" in Round 15 and Jhanwar became St. Thomas-St. John's top speller after correctly spelling

“conurbation” in Round 7, D.O.E. said.

The champions, along with the five other top spellers in the two districts, will compete in the Territorial Spelling Bee on March 24 on St. Croix. The Virgin Islands Daily News will sponsor travel and accommodations for the Territorial Bee winner to compete in the 2022 Scripps National Spelling Bee on June 2 in the Washington, D.C. area.

St. Croix Top Six: Shadya Coureur, Free Will Baptist Christian School; Jae'Quan Greaux, John H. Woodson Jr. High School; Kayden Theodore, Alfredo Andrews Elementary School; D'Nya Harvey, St. Croix Christian Academy; Madison Davis, Church of God Holiness Academy; and Khamron L. Eugene, Eulalie R. Rivera K-8 School.



St. Thomas-St. John District Top Six: Naitik Jhanwar, All Saints Cathedral School; Isabel Ethen, Antilles School; Bryden Tano, Addelita Cancryn Intermediate/Jr. High School; De'Andre Mills, Yvonne E. Milliner-Bowsky Elementary School; Micah Dominique, New Testament Academy; and Samuel De La Rosa, Joseph Gomez Elementary School.

English Language Arts Coordinators Paulina Croskey, St. Croix, and Kendra Vicars, St. Thomas-St. John, organized the district spelling competitions, which were held at the St. Croix Educational Complex High School gymnasium and the Bertha C. Boschulte Middle School auditorium.



District Spelling Bee sponsors and supporters included The Virgin Islands Daily News, Offices of the Insular Superintendent, Cane Bay Cares, St. Croix Division of Curriculum & Instruction, Stanley and The Ten Sleepless Knights, Dr. Lauren Larsen, Scholastic Inc. - Lenore Chciuk; Achieve 3000 – Julie Eckard; Houghton Mifflin Harcourt – Lynn Guy; Carmen Navarro; Maureen Moorhead; In the Mix; La Reine Chicken Shack, and DPMNM.

Department of Education officials and members of the 34th Legislature were in attendance. The Department extends special thanks to all content area coordinators, coaches, volunteers, teachers, school administrators, and family members of the spellers for their support.

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