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Fargo Public School District #1

DAVIES SENIORS EARN THE SEAL OF BILITERACY FOR PROFICIENCY IN WORLD LANGUAGES

On Sunday, June 2, 40 Davies High School seniors received the North Dakota Seal of Biliteracy (NDSB), a physical foil seal, on their high school diploma recognizing various proficiencies in world languages, a certificate from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and an identifier on the student's eTranscript.

Implemented in February 2019 by the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI), and adopted by the state of North Dakota on April 9, 2019, the NDSB is an award presented to graduating students who have demonstrated proficiency in a language in addition to English. Proficiency is assessed by an outside evaluator using the ACTFL Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages (AAPPL) for French, German, and Spanish and the ACTFL Latin Interpretive Reading Assessment (ALIRA) for Latin. Gold Seals of Biliteracy are awarded when students are rated at the Intermediate High Level, and Silver Seals of Biliteracy are awarded when students are rated at the Intermediate Low Level.

Students who will receive the Seal of Biliteracy:

French gold: Rachel Burkman and Sena Stevens.

French silver: Amelia Adank, Wyatt Amundson, Megan Barnick, Aubrie Heyer, Paloma Johnson, Michaela Overholt, Elise Rue, Myckynzie Schroeder, Hope Simon, Sydney Thomas, and Emily Westrick.

German silver: Vanessa Hellner-Born.

Spanish gold: Avery Beyer, Allison Burud, Jake Graf, Tommi Johnson, and Juliet Sampson.

Spanish silver: Karalyn Altendorf, Adrian Contreras, Nishita Gaba, Kyle Glover, Matthew Nemer, Alyssa Paper, Zachary Snyder, Madelynn Sturma, Andrew Thomas, Ella Thorson, Eric Tionson, and Jayden Van Peurse.

Latin gold: Astrid Axtman, James Cook, Dyuti Dawn, Ishika Gupta, Anasemi Owate-Chujor, and Hanna Zastoupil.

Latin silver: Annie Le, Ed Shen, and Addison Wagner.

The NDSB was established to recognize students and provide an identifier of this accomplishment for employers and post-secondary institutions. The NDSB serves to inspire the implementation of biliteracy programs and pathways of language development in districts across the state and help districts demonstrate value in diversity/culture. North Dakota is the 36th state to adopt this award. For more information, [visit the website](#).

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