

TJ brings home the GOLD in National Spanish Exam

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2007 was the first time that Thomas Jefferson Independent Day School has participated in the National Spanish Exam. The National Spanish Examination is an online, standardized assessment tool taken voluntarily by over 100,000 of the top Spanish students annually throughout the United States to measure Spanish proficiency and achievement. There are six cumulative levels of the exam, ranging from introductory to 6th year Spanish. Each year's test builds on concepts learned during the year and in all previous years' exams. Students take a 90 minute test comprised of vocabulary, grammar, reading comprehension and listening comprehension. While general guidelines are followed, the content of the test changes annually in order to maintain a contest-type environment.

Because this was Thomas Jefferson's first year participating, the upper levels had to review topics from several previous levels in addition to the standards for the given year. We are exceptionally proud of the 35 Thomas Jefferson students that received national commendations for their performance on this year's exam. That figure represents 53% of our student body.

The following students received awards:

State /Chapter Awards

Introductory Spanish, level 01: First place, 7th grade, Siri Ancha , Second place, 7th grade, Jody Esguerra, Third Place, 7th grade, Alex Oserowsky

Second Year Spanish: Fourth Place, 9th grade, Elise Watson, Seventh Place, 9th grade, Spencer Newman, Eleventh Place, 9th grade, Cariona Whiteside

Third Year Spanish: First place, 10th grade, Kayleen Seidl, Ninth Place, 10th grade, Jamie Knepper

Fifth Year Spanish: Fourth Place, Senior, Mari Prigmore