

# 2009 Orange County Scripps National Spelling Bee

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The Orange County Scripps National Spelling Bee encourages students to demonstrate their talents and accomplishments through written and oral spelling rounds. It is designed to help students not only improve their spelling and vocabulary skills, but also to learn concepts that will help develop correct English usage.

The Final Round of the Intermediate Spelling Competition was held on Monday, March 2, 2009 at the Orange County Department of Education in Costa Mesa. The entire event is sponsored by The Orange County Register. The competition provides opportunities for outstanding spellers to compete for cash awards and trophies. The first place winner will represent Orange County at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.

## Top 10 Orange County Spelling Bee Winners

| Place | Name             | School                      | District                                      |
|-------|------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1st   | Briley Lewis     | Cerro Villa Middle School   | Orange Unified School District                |
| 2nd   | Jake DeVries     | Lakeside Middle School      | Irvine Unified School District                |
| 3rd   | Michael Deng     | Fairmont Prep Academy       | Private School                                |
| 4th   | Melissa Parmelee | Vista del Mar Middle School | Capistrano Unified School District            |
| 5th   | Minkyu Sohn      | Tynes Elementary School     | Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District |
| 6th   | Alina Pontius    | Thurston Middle School      | Laguna Beach Unified School District          |
| 7th   | Christopher Goul | Pegasus School              | Private School                                |
| 8th   | Anne Hu          | Kraemer Middle School       | Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District |
| 9th   | Grace Yao        | Oxford Academy              | Anaheim Union High School District            |
| 10th  | Kelly Burke      | St. Margaret's Episcopal    | Private School                                |

***CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TOP SPELLERS!***