

Approximately 120 high school students from across Western North Carolina gathered at Western Carolina University's University Center on April 26, 2022, to test their knowledge of French and Spanish in the university's 39th annual Language Contest hosted by the Department of World Languages.

Participating schools were Andrews High, McDowell High, Robbinsville High, Smoky Mountain High, Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy, Tuscola High and Union Academy.

Winning students and schools in the competition categories are:

Spanish Quiz Bowl: First, Tuscola High; second, Smoky Mountain High; third, Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy.

French Music: First, Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy.

Spanish Music: First, Union Academy; second, Andrews High; third, Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy.

French Poetry: First, Alayna Simmons, Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy; second, Olivia Webb, Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy; third, Wren Walker, Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy.

Spanish Poetry: First, Zee Rempson, Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy; second, Montana Adams, Robbinsville High; third, Jason Yan, Robbinsville High.

Spanish Native Poetry: First, Cesar Santana, Smoky Mountain High; second, Jasmin Maldonado, Robbinsville High; third, Asheley Rosas, Robbinsville High.

Spanish Show & Tell: First, Libertad Hartley, Robbinsville High; second Selma McMurry, Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy; third, Ansley McNeely, Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy.

Spanish How To: First, Carter Burchfield, Robbinsville High; second, Sean Lawless, Andrews High; third, Joseph Evans, Andrews High.

Spanish Extemporaneous Speaking III: First, Tate Schwalm, Smoky Mountain High; Second, Grace Snyder, Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy.

Spanish Extemporaneous Speaking IV: First, Giorgia Magnani, Robbinsville High; second, Daria McGinnis, Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy.