

Approximately 212 high school students from across Western North Carolina gathered at Western Carolina University's Ramsey Center on March 21, 2017 to test their knowledge of French and Spanish in the university's 35th annual Foreign Language Contest.

The competition was sponsored by WCU's Department of World Languages.

Participating schools were Asheville Middle, Enka, Fletcher Academy, Franklin, Franklin School of Innovation, North Henderson, Smoky Mountain, Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy, Towns County, Tuscola and Robbinsville.

Winning students and schools in the competition categories are:

French Music: First, Thomas Gabriel Turner, Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy; second, Sydney Giaquinto, Franklin.

Spanish Music: First, Tuscola High; second, Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy; third, Towns County.

French Skits: First, Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy; second, Franklin School of Innovation; third, Franklin.

Spanish Skits: First, Fletcher Academy; second, North Henderson; third, Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy.

French Show and Tell: First, Goutam Gadirajuh, Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy; second, Eli Hornback, Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy; third, Amanda Jordan, Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy.

Spanish Show and Tell: First, Jarrett Payne, Enka; second, Chase Rogers, Towns County; third, Cameron Blanton, Enka.

Spanish How-To: First, Chloe Spears, Towns County; second, Amanda Thompson, Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy; third, Abby Friday, Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy.

Spanish Extemporaneous Speaking III: First, Ivy Ayling, Smoky Mountain; second, Marshall Ledford, Towns County; third, Hunter McSpadden, Smoky Mountain.

French Extemporaneous Speaking IV: First, Carson Dockery, North Henderson; second, Ileri Alejos, North Henderson; third, Madison Pattillo, Franklin.

Spanish Extemporaneous Speaking IV: First, Andalyn Lewis, Enka High; second, Olivia Johnson, Tuscola; third, Dominique Raber, Tuscola.

French Poetry: First, Austin Hullen, Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy; second, Karen Rojas, North Hendersonville; third, Lidia Ramirez, North Henderson.

Spanish Poetry: First, Marshall Ledford, Towns County; second, Grace Pressley, Smoky Mountain; third, Lauren Melson, Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy.

Spanish Native Poetry: First, Melissa Lugo-Mejia, Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy; second, Luz Martin, Tuscola; third, Heidi Lopez, Franklin.

French Quiz Bowl: First, Franklin; second, North Henderson; third, Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy.

Spanish Quiz Bowl: First, Tuscola; second, Franklin; third, Enka.

Native Spanish Quiz Bowl: First, Enka; second, Tuscola; third, Franklin.