

Approximately 34 high school students from across Western and Central North Carolina gathered at Western Carolina University's University Center on April 20, 2023, to test their knowledge of French and Spanish in the university's 40th annual Language Contest hosted by the Department of World Languages.

Participating schools were A.C. Reynolds High, Burgess-Hicks Academy, Robbinsville High, Smoky Mountain High, and Union Academy.

Winning students and schools in the competition categories are:

Spanish Quiz Bowl: First, Smoky Mountain High; second, Burgess-Hicks Academy; third, Union Academy.

French Music: First, Union Academy; second, Burgess-Hicks Academy.

Spanish Music: First, Union Academy; second, Burgess-Hicks Academy; third, Smoky Mountain High.

French Poetry: First, Kal Hyun Burgess-Hicks, Burgess-Hicks Academy; second, Angel Carson, Union Academy.

Spanish Poetry: First, Kal Hyun Burgess-Hicks, Burgess-Hicks Academy; second, Elisa Loi, A.C. Reynolds High; third, C.J. Robinson, A.C. Reynolds High.

Spanish Native Poetry: First, Bladimir Rosario-Cruz, Union Academy; second, Grace Mena, Burgess-Hicks Academy; third, Alex Cuevas, Smoky Mountain High.

Spanish Show & Tell: First, Tytan Teesateskie, Robbinsville High; second, Ryan Lynn, Robbinsville High.

Spanish How To: First, Carter Burchfield, Robbinsville High; second, Alex Rodriguez, Smoky Mountain.

Spanish Extemporaneous Speaking IV: First, Kal Hyun Burgess-Hicks, Burgess-Hicks Academy.