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Northside Middle School Student Wins the Houston County School District Spelling Bee Runner-up from Warner Robins Middle School



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Northside Middle School student, Mishon Hyacinthe-Bynes, won the Houston County School District's 2023 Spelling Bee on January 11. He was the top speller out of 27 contestants and won with the correct spelling of the final word, "follicle." Warner Robins Middle School student, Callista Smith, won second place.

Mishon and Callista, both eighth graders, will represent Houston County as they compete in the Georgia Association of Educators (GAE) District 6 Bee. This regional bee is currently scheduled for February 25. The District 6 winner will compete in the State Spelling Bee at Georgia State University on March 17.

The full list of Houston County School District Spelling Bee winners from each school is listed below.

- Jasmine Ison, Bonaire Elementary
- Colby Hollar, Bonaire Middle
- Lily Johnson, Centerville Elementary
- Aarushi Patel, David Perdue Elementary
- Asher Harmon, Eagle Springs Elementary
- Brennan Bui, Feagin Mill Middle
- Jaylon Snowden, Hilltop Elementary
- Chandler Brooks, Huntington Middle

- Elijah Jowers, Kings Chapel Elementary
- Ayla Powell, Lake Joy Elementary
- Jayce Sablan-Solis, Langston Road Elementary
- Ian Lee, Matt Arthur Elementary
- Lyra Deloach, Miller Elementary
- Kaleb Moore, Morningside Elementary
- Jacob Gonzalez, Mossy Creek Middle
- Adrian Pacheco, Northside Elementary
- Mishon Hyacinthe-Bynes, Northside Middle
- Brooklyn Dupree, Parkwood Elementary
- Taylor Parker, Pearl Stephens Elementary
- Dawan Lewis, Perry Middle
- Penelope Meesseman, Quail Run Elementary
- Kai Kitsko, Russell Elementary
- Ginger Parker, Shirley Hills Elementary
- Elise White, Thomson Middle
- Amelia Vrahoites, Tucker Elementary
- Callista Smith, Warner Robins Middle
- Nyla Dodson, Westside Elementary

In addition to spelling words, students participated in a vocabulary round which aligns with region and state spelling bees. The State Spelling Bee procedures, rules and regulations were followed. The Houston County Spelling Bee coordinators are Dr. Kasandra King and Katrina West of Morningside Elementary School. Brooke Herndon, media specialist at Morningside Elementary, called out the words.

The local spelling bee is sponsored by the GAE through the local Houston Association of Educators. For more information, please contact Language Arts Coordinator Amanda Yoh or Dr. Amy Fouse at 478-988-6200.

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