

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Anthony Meier

TO: Dr. Kyle Schumacher & Dr. Tim Kilrea and District 301 Board of Education

CC: Dr. Brett Bending

DATE: May 8, 2026

RE: Illinois Seal of Biliteracy & State Commendation Award Winners

Central District 301 is proud to present the current 2025-2026 State Seal of Biliteracy Award Winners & State Commendation toward Biliteracy Award Winners.

The State Seal of Biliteracy is a recognition given to graduating high school students who have demonstrated a high level of proficiency in both English and in reading, writing, listening and speaking in another language(s). The Seal is affixed to the diploma and designated on the transcript.

The State Commendation toward Biliteracy is a recognition given to graduating high school students who have demonstrated significant progress towards achieving a high level of proficiency in both English and in reading, writing, listening, and speaking in another language(s).

Students may meet the requirements for the Seal or Commendation during any year in high school, but Seals and Commendations will only be awarded at graduation.

Participation is open to all Central 301 high school students, including students who have learned another language outside of school.

Illinois public universities will accept the State Seal of Biliteracy as equivalent to two (2) years of foreign language credit if a student's high school transcript indicates that he or she received the State Seal of Biliteracy. Students can also distinguish themselves on

resumes and college applications, earn scholarships and help to continue their understanding of meeting advanced language goals.

Seniors receiving the State Seal of Biliteracy this year are:

Olha Astryabska	Spanish
Iliana Barajas	Spanish
Aliana Bobrova	Russian
Amaris Garcia	Spanish
Caleb Goldenstein	German
Sanay Gulati	Spanish
Paloma Hernandez	Spanish
Hannah Ibanez	Spanish
Dimitrios Karavasis	Spanish
Sreejith Mylavarapu	Spanish
Cooper Mylott	Spanish
Lars Olander	Spanish
Natalie Paszko	Polish
Ava Polites	Spanish
Connor Polz	German
Natalia Quesada	Spanish
Sophia Rodriguez	Spanish
Rebecca Sanborn	Spanish
Daniel Serna-Saucedo	Spanish
Sohan Shah	Spanish
Jetsemany Villagomez	Spanish
Emily Ying-Orjuela	Spanish
Olivia Zapart	Polish
Ava Zeinieh	Spanish

Seniors receiving the State Commendation toward Bilingualism this year are:

Lyubov Astryabska	Spanish
Lilian Clark	German
Emily Crabb	Spanish
Gabrielle Cunningham	Spanish
Aidan England	German
Valeria Galvez	Spanish
Rowan Gorman	Spanish
Zachary Hartwig	Spanish
Zachary Hultgren	Spanish
Dimitrios Karaviasis*	Greek
Ryan Kersting	Spanish
Jane Petkovich	Spanish
Natalia Quesada*	German
Aorhi Raghuwanshi	Hindi
Esteban Rodriguez	Spanish
Madelyn Scott	Spanish
Rohan Shah	Gujarati

*Also received the Seal in Spanish

Congratulations to these 39 students on their hard work and dedication to continuing their education in multiple languages. We are proud of these students who represent both heritage learners and World Language learners and look forward to seeing what else they accomplish.