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## ***St. Anthony Catholic School Students Shine in National Spanish Language Competition***

Five St. Anthony Catholic School students demonstrated excellence on the 2024 National Spanish Exam (NSE) and secured gold, silver, and bronze medals. Alex Finianos and Eli Seif secured gold medals, Oliver Thomas secured a silver medal, and Bianka Acaylar and Gia Hieshetter secured bronze medals. The achievement of earning a medal on the National Spanish Exam is a testament to the dedication and hard work of these students.

The AATSP Exams is a program of the esteemed American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP). With a rich history dating back to 1957, the National Spanish Exam (NSE) is administered annually from grades 6 through 12 and serves as a cornerstone of academic achievement in Spanish language education. As the largest of their kind in the United States, the NSE attracted over 80,000 student participants in 2024. Achieving gold, silver, or bronze status in the NSE opens doors for students to explore a variety of scholarship opportunities provided through the AATSP Exams program.

Principal Kristine Galemmo said, "These accomplishments are a reflection of St. Anthony Catholic School's longstanding tradition of academic excellence. Our Spanish program is strong and our students have consistently excelled on these exams thanks to the guidance and expertise of our dedicated Spanish teacher, Claudia Hernandez."

St. Anthony Catholic School, a 3K-8th grade school is accredited by Cognia through the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement, the Northwest Accreditation Commission, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement. For admissions information, contact Principal Kristine Galemmo at 843.662.1910.

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