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Nebraska World Language Distinguished Scholars Recognized

The Nebraska Department of Education is proud to honor 70 students with the Distinguished World Language Scholar Award during World Language Week 2025. These students have demonstrated outstanding leadership in language learning, commitment to language study, appreciation for cultural diversity, and communicative competence. Nominated by their teachers, each student submitted a portfolio highlighting their achievements.

This year, NDE World Language Education also launched the Student Language Spotlight Award, recognizing 29 students for exceptional learning evidence from world language classrooms across Nebraska. This new award celebrates language proficiency and cultural understanding.

"I believe learning a world language is crucial for connecting cultures, opening opportunities to form new relationships, and gaining knowledge about how the world works," said Averie Andersen, a Distinguished World Language Scholar. Inspired by these achievements, we invite all students to take part in the 2026 Nebraska World Language Week, scheduled for February 9th to 15th, to celebrate the power of language, explore its impact, and connect with cultures around the world.

For more information about World Language Week, the Student Language Spotlight Award, and the World Language Distinguished Scholar Award, visit: <https://www.education.ne.gov/worldlanguage/world-language-week/>.

Student Language Spotlight Award

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