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Nebraska Students Awarded Seals of Biliteracy

The Nebraska Department of Education and the Nebraska Seal of Biliteracy Advisory Committee are proud to announce that 122 Seals of Biliteracy have been awarded to 118 Nebraska students in August of 2025. These prestigious awards recognize high school students who have achieved a high level of proficiency in English and at least one other language.

The Nebraska Seal of Biliteracy honors students who have embraced this vital skill, demonstrating their proficiency based on the Nebraska World Language Standards, which emphasize communication, cultures, connections, communities, and cognition within a language other than English.

For the August 2025 awards, students showcased their knowledge in Chinese, French, French, German, Somali Maxaa, and Tamil.

2025 August Nebraska Seal of Biliteracy Recipients

<i>Abbigail Barry</i>	Millard North High School	Spanish
<i>Adah Wisnicki</i>	Lincoln High School	Spanish
<i>Addyson Hinz</i>	Deshler Public Schools	Spanish
<i>Adelenne Haynes</i>	Brownell Talbot College Preparatory School	Spanish
<i>Aisha Khan</i>	Lincoln High School	Spanish

<i>Akshat Magesh</i>	Millard North High School	Spanish
<i>Alecia Lathan</i>	Omaha Central High School	Spanish
<i>Alexander Cruz</i>	Omaha Central High School	Spanish
<i>Alexander Parks</i>	Omaha Central High School	French
<i>Alexandria Combs</i>	Millard North High School	Spanish
<i>Alyssa Dobias</i>	West Holt Public Schools	Spanish
<i>Anel Monasterio</i>	West Holt Public Schools	Spanish
<i>Angela Lopez Tovar</i>	OMAHA SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL	Spanish
<i>Anson Vogtman</i>	Mount Michael Benedictine School	Spanish
<i>Ava Manhart</i>	Omaha Central High School	Spanish
<i>Aya Mursal</i>	Lincoln High School	Spanish
<i>Brian Lopez Medina</i>	Lincoln High School	Spanish
<i>Callan Guthmiller</i>	Mount Michael Benedictine High School	Spanish
<i>Camila Doña-Muñoz</i>	Omaha Central High School	Spanish

<i>Christine Aspen</i>	Brownell Talbot	Spanish
<i>Cian McMahon</i>	Bellevue West High School	Spanish
<i>Clay Sandman</i>	Boone Central High School	Spanish
<i>Danessa Buckles</i>	Deshler Public Schools	Spanish
<i>Dania Baiz</i>	Millard North High School	Spanish
<i>Danica Tonn</i>	Bellevue West	Spanish
<i>Emerson Mikkelsen</i>	Lincoln High School	Spanish
<i>Everett Green</i>	Lincoln High School	Spanish
<i>Fatima Aljumayaat</i>	Lincoln High School	Spanish
<i>Gabriela Atuñez</i>	Omaha Central High School	Spanish
<i>Grace Evert</i>	Millard North High School	Spanish/Frech
<i>GraceAnne Ryan</i>	Bishop Neumann Catholic High School	Spanish
<i>Hannah Scribner</i>	David City Public High School	Spanish
<i>Holden Chalenburg</i>	Lincoln High School	Spanish
<i>Hudson Palu</i>	Omaha Central High School	Spanish

<i>Hung Nguyen</i>	Burke High School	Spanish
<i>Iker Abraham Cabrera Anaya</i>	Omaha Central High School	French/ Spanish
<i>Isabella Mergens</i>	Omaha Central High School	Spanish
<i>Isaiah Nomiyaama</i>	Bellevue West High School	German
<i>Issac Hernandez-Santiago</i>	Hartington-Newcastle High School	Spanish
<i>Ivan Fedorchuk</i>	Millard North High School	Spanish
<i>Jack Weitz</i>	Westside High School	French
<i>Jacki Alles</i>	Lincoln High School	German
<i>Jacob Spencer</i>	Mount Michael Benedictine School	Spanish
<i>Jasmin Gutierrez Garcia</i>	Omaha Central High School	Spanish
<i>Jessica Lu</i>	Millard North High School	Spanish/ Chinese
<i>Jillian Johnson</i>	Bishop Neumann Central Catholic	Spanish
<i>John Dewhurst</i>	Mount Michael Benedictine	Spanish
<i>John Sitz</i>	Mount Michael Benedictine	Spanish

<i>Josue Coronado</i>	Omaha Central High School	Spanish
<i>Justin Pineda</i>	Omaha Central High School	Spanish
<i>Kayden Lozano</i>	Omaha Central High School	Spanish
<i>Keerthana Vinod</i>	Millard North High School	Spanish
<i>Khalidah Shammo</i>	Lincoln High School	Spanish
<i>Kiersten Jensen</i>	Conestoga Jr/Sr High School	Spanish
<i>Kimberly Menendez</i>	Lincoln Northwest High School	Spanish
<i>Lathan Buesing</i>	Gothenburg Public Schools	Spanish
<i>Lea Brock</i>	Lincoln High School	Spanish
<i>Leydy Euceda Cruz</i>	Omaha Central High School	Spanish
<i>Lia Rilantono</i>	Millard North High School	Spanish
<i>Lucas Feng</i>	Millard North High School	Spanish
<i>Lucy Coke</i>	Lincoln High School	Spanish
<i>Madalyn Pistulka</i>	West Holt Public Schools	Spanish

<i>Madysen Kramer</i>	West Holt Public Schools	Spanish
<i>Marco Antonio Bernal-Calleja</i>	Omaha Central High School	Spanish
<i>Maren Campbell</i>	Lincoln High School	Spanish
<i>Maria Francisco Antonio</i>	Omaha Central High School	Spanish
<i>Marina Drelicharz</i>	Westside High School	Spanish
<i>Mary McGill</i>	Omaha Central High School	Spanish
<i>Matthew Johnson</i>	Lincoln Northwest High School	Spanish
<i>Monica Chavez</i>	West Holt Public Schools	Spanish
<i>Nathan Bluvas</i>	Mount Michael Benedictine School	Spanish
<i>Niaomi Shannon</i>	Omaha Central High School	Spanish
<i>Nicolas Beltran</i>	Omaha Central High School	Spanish
<i>Oliver Brassil</i>	Lincoln High School	Spanish
<i>Paityn Hassler</i>	Lincoln Southwest High School	Spanish
<i>Peter Haas</i>	Mount Michael Benedictine	Spanish

<i>Phoebe Pierson</i>	Lincoln High School	German
<i>Rayna Jones</i>	Lincoln High School	Spanish
<i>Reese Svoboda</i>	David City Public High School	Spanish
<i>Rhea Jain</i>	Millard North High School	Spanish
<i>Ricardo Andres Orozco</i>	Omaha Central High School	Spanish
<i>Ritwik Gupta</i>	Millard North High School	Spanish
<i>Samuel Cederberg</i>	Lincoln Southwest Highschool	Spanish
<i>Scout Dollison</i>	Omaha Central High School	French
<i>Sharish Shapkota</i>	Millard North High School	Spanish
<i>Sophia Quarles</i>	Millard North High School	Spanish
<i>Sundus Abdi</i>	Lexington high school	Somali Maxaa
<i>Taylor Peek</i>	West Holt Public Schools	Spanish
<i>Tina Nguyen</i>	Crete High School Spanish	
<i>Vaibhavi Kota</i>	Millard North High School	Spanish

Valeria Gonzalez	Lincoln High School	Spanish
William Sassaman	Bishop Neumann Catholic High School	Spanish
Yinuo Daniel Wang	Lincoln East High School	Chinese
Zander Miller	Omaha Central High School	Spanish
Zury Salas Eloisa	Omaha Central High School	Spanish

Nebraska Wesleyan University is proud to recognize the Nebraska Seal of Biliteracy as part of its commitment to fostering students' continued language growth. Beginning in the 2025–26 academic year, students entering NWU who have earned the Seal will be placed into more advanced courses and awarded university credit in recognition of their demonstrated proficiency. This support affirms NWU's dedication to valuing multilingual skills and providing equitable opportunities for students to advance their academic and professional success.

More information about the Nebraska Seal of Biliteracy can be found online at:
www.education.ne.gov/worldlanguage/nebraska-seal-of-biliteracy.

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