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NEBRASKA WORLD LANGUAGE DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS RECOGNIZED

The Nebraska Department of Education and the World Language Advisory Council are recognizing distinguished scholars during World Language Week, March 31-April 6. The theme of World Language Week is, "The Power of Languages To Make You College, Career, and Civic Ready."

The World Language Distinguished Scholar Award recognizes Nebraska students for their leadership in language learning, commitment to language study, appreciation for cultural diversity, and communicative competence. Students were nominated by their World Language teachers and submitted a portfolio.

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

High Honors

- **Josephine Anderson**
Spanish
Crete High School
Teacher: Angela Wagoner
- **Turner Blick**
German
Fremont High School
Teacher: Brenda Schiermeyer
- **Alma Dimas**
Spanish
Meridian High School
Teacher: Maria Nieves Ruiz Garcia
- **Miah Hoppens**
Spanish
Ogallala High School
Teacher: Rosa Zimmerman
- **Sukanya Kennamthiang**
French
Brownell Talbot School
Teacher: Michael Recker

- **Angela Kwambamba**
French
Lincoln Southwest High School
Teacher: Alexandra Van Zandt
 - **Nae Mae**
Chinese
Omaha Central High School
Teacher: Wang Li
 - **Brianna Nelson**
Spanish
Millard West High School
Teacher: Candida Kraska
 - **Matthew Neville**
Spanish
Ralston High School
Teacher: Jamie Honke
 - **Lucy Peterkin**
Spanish
Millard North High School
Teacher: Theresa Jensen
 - **Hannah Rethmeier**
Spanish
Crete High School
Teacher: Angela Wagoner
 - **Ricards Umbrasko**
Chinese
Omaha Burke High School
Teacher: Ching Yuk Lam
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Honors

- **Samantha Aguilar**
Chinese
Omaha Burke High School
Teacher: Ching Yuk Lam
- **Emily Baier**
Spanish
Syracuse Dunbar Avoca High School
Teacher: Jacqueline Mohr
- **Corrin Day**
French
Norfolk High School
Teacher: Martha Thompson
- **Justin De Haai Badilla**
French
Millard North High School
Teacher: Ryan Foehlinger
- **Sadie Finch**
Spanish
Fort Calhoun High School
Teacher: Anita Saalfeld
- **Carly Fortune**
Spanish
Leyton High School
Teacher: Ashley Lndholm

- **Paige Gowing**
Spanish
Nebraska City High School
Teacher: Kevin Mohr
- **Elizabeth Hernandez**
French
Douglas County West High School
Teacher: Mary Clare Liescheski
- **Rayna Hladky**
Spanish
Tekamah-Herman High School
Teacher: Luis Fernandez
- **Kirby Hughes**
Spanish
West Point Senior High School
Teacher: Meghan Schneider
- **Madison Jones**
Spanish
Mullen Jr./Sr. High School
Teacher: Kelly Garcia
- **Ryder Kennedy**
German
Bellevue East High School
Teacher: Gwen Steele
- **Antonia Krasser**
German
Crete High School
Teacher: Julie Schumacher
- **Amanda La-O-Cartaya**
German
Crete High School
Teacher: Julie Schumacher
- **Theresa Nguyen**
Chinese
Omaha Burke High School
Teacher: Ching Yuk Lam
- **Mia Ortiz**
Spanish
Syracuse Dunbar Avoca High School
Teacher: Jacqueline Mohr
- **Chanakya Pandya**
Spanish
Sidney High School
Teacher: Brett Avila
- **Hailey Phipps**
Spanish
Mullen Jr./Sr. High School
Teacher: Kelly Garcia
- **Josie Reid**
Spanish
Ponca High School
Teacher: Jill Camargo
- **Tate Schmidt**
Spanish
Hastings Catholic High School

Teacher: Mikayla Niederklein

- **Savanna Vacek**

Spanish

Omaha Central High School

Teacher: Melissa Kuskie

- **Julia Weill**

Spanish

A Davis Middle School

Teacher: Catherine Scurlock

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