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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, April 1-7. The theme of World Language Week is "The Power of Languages To Be College, Career, and Civic Ready."

The World Language Distinguished Scholar Award was developed to reward students for their leadership in language learning, commitment to language study, appreciation for cultural diversity, and communicative competence.

World Language teachers from around the state nominated students they felt were most deserving of the honor. Students then had to submit an online portfolio that required use of the language of study. Each portfolio was evaluated and judged on criteria such as comprehensibility, effective and accurate use of language structure, and complexity of vocabulary.

This year, one student per ESU was chosen from the nominations to represent each level of language learning. Level I/II corresponds with a first or second year language student. Level III/IV corresponds with a third or fourth year language student. Level 5+ corresponds with a fifth year student, a heritage speaker, or an Advanced Placement course. The scholars are listed in the attached [Nebraska 2018 World Language Distinguished Scholars Press Release](#).

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

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