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2023 BCPS graduates earn 182 Seals of Biliteracy

One student earns seals in three languages, five students in two languages

Towson, Md. – One hundred and seventy-four Baltimore County Public Schools 2023 graduates have earned 182 Seals of Biliteracy, including one student who earned seals in three languages and five students who earned seals in two languages.

The Maryland Seal of Biliteracy is awarded to recognize high levels of proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing a language other than English.

“The increasing number of BCPS graduates earning Seals of Biliteracy is a testament to the continued development of BCPS students as true global citizens and also a testament to the dedication of our world languages teachers at the elementary, middle, and high school levels,” said Jennifer Hernandez, director of the BCPS Office of World Languages and English for Speakers of Other Languages. **“We expect many more seals to be earned following this year’s Advanced Placement exam and American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages’ Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages® (AAPPL) test.”**

BCPS 2023 graduates earned Seals of Biliteracy in 13 languages (Arabic, Bulgarian, Chinese, French, German, Greek, Gujarati, Hindi, Latin, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Wolof), but most seals (79 percent) were earned in Spanish. Eighty-three percent of BCPS comprehensive high schools awarded at least one Seal of Biliteracy this year. Catonsville High School, George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology, and Hereford High School were the three schools with the most graduates qualifying for biliteracy seals.

The 2023 graduates earning multiple Seals of Biliteracy are:

Three seals

- Emma Hsieh, Hereford High School – French, Mandarin, and Spanish

Two seals

- Jenna Dang, Dulaney High School – Chinese and Spanish
- Eden McPherson, Catonsville High School – Chinese and Spanish
- Heleeben Patel, Western School of Technology – Hindi and Gujarati
- Nicor Roebuck, Hereford High School – Portuguese and Spanish
- Esther Teixeira, Catonsville High School – Portuguese and Spanish

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