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Agamim Classical Academy Third Grader Headed to National Spelling Bee Finals

Vihaan Kapil thought to be youngest Minnesotan ever to make it to Nationals

EDINA – Vihaan Kapil, a third-grade student at Agamim Classical Academy in Edina, will be participating in the 2023 Scripps National Spelling Bee from May 30 to June 1 in National Harbor, Maryland. Vihaan won the distinction to go to the national competition by placing first at the Twin Cities Regional Spelling Bee on March 9. He competed with 45 other Metro area spellers, many of whom were in much older grades.

“We are immensely proud of Vihaan and the effort he has made to succeed on this level,” says Miranda Morton, Head of School and Executive Director of Agamim Classical Academy. “As a classical school, we appreciate that Vihaan, like other students who participate in spelling bee competitions, is improving his spelling and language skills, developing a love of languages, and gaining access to so many avenues of learning.”

Vihaan is one of four Minnesotans who will participate in the National Spelling Bee Finals. At age 9, he is believed to be the youngest Minnesotan to reach the national finals event.

The Scripps National Spelling Bee is a weeklong experience for spellers and their families that includes special events, excursions into Washington, DC, and more.

For additional information, visit the Scripps National Spelling Bee site at www.spellingbee.com.