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The ESL Spell Finals Are Coming!

Here are the 30 Finalists of the Run-Off Competitions held October 21 & 22 (Lower Levels) and the 30 Finalists of the Run-off Competitions held October 28 and 30 (Higher Levels):

Lower Levels:

Jennifer Kim	Cummer LINC
Rukshanda Reslam,	Centennial LINC
Preethy Krishnan	Catholic Cross-Cultural Services
Shiyamala Shutagar	Catholic Cross-Cultural Services
Thi Mong Nguyen	India Rainbow
Ramabhai Patel	India Rainbow
Gurpreet Kaur Dhillon	India Rainbow
Savitha Shetty	Lakeshore LINC
Svitlana Ptashynska	Lakeshore LINC
Annaliza Catapang	Lakeshore LINC
Tigran Galoyan	Lakeshore LINC
Guang Wei Li	University Settlement
Gholamreza Afshari	Eglinton LINC
Tharsika Uthayasuthan	Tamil Eelam
In Kak Kim	Bickford
Mathuradevi Mahendaraja	Scadding Court
German Rodriguez	Scadding Court
Linda (Yueh Hua) Lin	Scadding Court
Ngan Nguyen	Afghan Women's Association
Ling Zheng	SAFSS Finch
Sukantha Selvarasa	SAFSS Finch
Jaskinder Nanra	SAFSS Finch
Rachana Patel	SAFSS Morningside
Nestor Benavides	Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture
Pattraporn Sivers	St. Stephens
Rose Jackson	Jones Adult ESL
Indarathana Deliwa	DunDIX ESL
Niurka Valdes	Caledon Community Services
Younghoon Jang	Ukrainian Centre
Karen (Li Zhong) Hong	WoodGreen

These 30 Finalists will be competing for the three top prizes in the Lower Level Category on Monday, November 10, at Toronto City Hall in the City Council Chamber. Contestants will have their orientation at City Hall at 5 PM. General Audience Admission at 6 PM.

Higher Levels:

Cai Mei Su	University Settlement
Hanane El Idris	Polycultural, Mississauga
Liliya Stupak	Polycultural, Mississauga
Yuliya Muratova	Eglinton LINC
Carol (Ying) Zhang	WoodGreen
Tayyba Zeshan	WoodGreen
Naseen Akhtar	Polycultural, Mississauga
Sylvia Wahba	Polycultural, Mississauga
Lina Hanounik	Polycultural, Mississauga
Yongzhen Zhao	Victoria Park LINC
Oksana Salitra	Polycultural, T.O.
Chongkook Rhee	Polycultural, T.O.
Maryna Lupandina	Polycultural, Mississauga
Zichen Zhuang	University Settlement
Vanee Ashockumar	Tamil Eelam
Sang Chul Kim	Bickford
Beth Sosa	Springhurst
Pathmaleela Jekewswaran	Catholic Cross-Cultural Services
Prithvi Raj Kalia	India Rainbow
Akanksha Shukla	SAFSS Finch
Yan Zhang	SAFSS Finch
Sandra Segura	Bickford
Snehal Faloun Shah	Catholic Cross-Cultural Services
Neelima Farzana	SAFSS Finch
Lakmal Fouseka	Dun Dix ESL
Sumeet Boparai	India Rainbow
Sanira Hettiarachchige	DunDix ESL
Bing Ma	Centennial
Carmenza Bedoya	Halton Multicultural (Burlington)
Yi Wen	SAFSS Finch

These 30 Finalists will be competing for the three top prizes in the Higher Level Category on Thursday, November 13, at Toronto City Hall in the City Council Chamber. Contestants will have their orientation at City Hall at 5 PM. General Audience Admission at 6 PM.

The Run-off Competitions were generously hosted by the Toronto Star in the Toronto Star Auditorium. We are now getting ready for the Finals at City Hall.

Everyone is invited to come and watch these Contestants compete for the 3 top Prizes and help cheer them on.

The Centres that bring the most audience members will receive prizes on the Awards Night.

Congratulations to everyone who competed, whether they were Primary Contestants or Alternates. And thanks to the coaches and the teachers who helped prepare the Contestants and to the many family members, friends, and fellow students who supported them.

And now—on to City Hall! See you there!

Channah Cohen and the ESL Spell Committee