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Paris ISD Students Sweep Lamar County Spelling Bee Awards

Paris ISD students swept the top three awards at the Lamar County Spelling Bee on February 3. Paris Junior High School seventh-grader Madeline Petrikas captured the championship, sixth-grader James Petrikas of Crockett Intermediate placed second, and Aikin Elementary School fourth-grader Shravya Singh finished in third place. Madeline is Lamar County's two-time winner and James is her brother.

Madeline will now advance to the *Dallas Morning News* Regional Spelling Bee to be broadcast live beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 21, from the WFAA Studios in Dallas. James, as the runner-up, will attend as alternate.

Contestants from 38 north and east Texas counties will compete at the regional bee. The champion will receive an all-expense paid trip for three to Washington, D.C. to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee during National Spelling Bee Week, May 24-29.



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