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Paris ISD Students Sweep Lamar County Spelling Bee Awards

Paris ISD students won the three top awards at the Lamar County Spelling Bee on February 7. Paris Junior High School eighth-grader Ryan Tijerina captured the championship, seventh-grader Adam Hartman placed second, and Justiss Elementary School fourth-grader Jayden Solomon finished in third place.

Tijerina will now advance to the *Dallas Morning News* Regional Spelling Bee to be broadcast live beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 4, from the WFAA Studios in Dallas. Hartman, as the runner-up, will attend as alternate.

The champion will receive an all-expense paid trip for three to Washington, D.C. to compete in the 90th Scripps National Spelling Bee during National Spelling Bee Week, May 28-June 3, 2017.



From left are Jayden Solomon, a 4th grader at Justiss and the 3rd place winner; Adam Hartman, a 7th grader at PJH and the 2nd place winner; and Ryan Tijerina, an 8th grader at PJH and the 1st place winner.