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Heathwood students shine in USC foreign language contest

(COLUMBIA) Upper School students dominated the French competition and made their mark in Spanish at the University of South Carolina's recent Foreign Language Poetry Declamation Contest. Competing with students from schools across the Midlands and Lowcountry, Heathwood's team claimed several top honors.

In the French contest's challenging Level 5, juniors Bobby Barton and Mallika Murali swept the two top prizes respectively. At Level 3, senior Abbie McCoy and sophomore Pierce Jones matched them. In Level 4 French, Daniel Fuerst took second place and junior Catherine Walker claimed third.

"I am so incredibly proud of all of them," said Nadege Vauthier, French teacher. "We did not take any time away from class to work on these poems. They did everything on their own. All these young people are AMAZING!"

In the Spanish Level 5 competition, junior Alan Ress won first place. Spanish students Brooks Edwards, Michael Parnell, Caroline Plowden, Margaret Tiller and Lydia Ware also competed at their respective language levels for Heathwood Hall.

Nearly 200 participants from Midlands-area and Lowcountry schools participated in the contest, with all schools permitted to enter 2 students per level of foreign language in French, German, Latin or Spanish. Students were required to recite two poems from memory in their foreign language of choice, including a mandatory poem and a second one chosen from a list. Judges awarded prizes to first, second and third place finishers at each level.