

MA Seal of Biliteracy Press Release

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https://www.bcoe.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_747631/File/news/sealofbiliteracy2014.pdf

<http://scvnews.com/2015/10/09/more-high-school-grads-are-biliterate-torlakson-says/>

<http://wjusd-ca.schoolloop.com/file/1278179266679/1368363091974/4540287189138113972.pdf>

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<http://melrose.wickedlocal.com/article/20160414/NEWS/160418999>

Possible Pilot Site Release:

Foreign Language Award Ceremony, May 23rd ,2016

The Language Opportunity Coalition is a group of ELL and world language professionals working together to increase language learning opportunities for students to learn English, develop native/heritage language, or learn a world language, and to ensure that all learners have equal access to a high quality education and professional opportunities in a 21st century global economy. Biliteracy is a critical college and career readiness skill and the Seal of Biliteracy is a national movement to recognize high school graduates for their proficiency in English and at least one other language. Find more at www.languageopportunity.org and www.sealofbiliteracy.org.

Falmouth is a member of the Seal Workgroup of the Language Opportunity Coalition and has been piloting the Seal in the World Language Department while the Seal

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follows the legislative process of becoming law. Teachers have embraced proficiency with full support from the administration.

At the Awards Ceremony on May 23rd, 2 students in Falmouth received a Silver Seal, Kaitlin Kelleher and John Koss; 4 students received a Gold Seal, Emily Freedman Kaitlin McManus, Abigail Peterson and Jared Travis; and 5 students, Ibrahim Cowan-Kazmi, Vanasa Liu, Wei-Ren Murray, Matthew Russell, and Michael Wheeler, received a Platinum Seal in Spanish. In French Anastasiya Yakovleva received a Silver Seal along with 60 grade 8 students at Lawrence who received certificates for a 'Commendation toward Biliteracy' certificate. We look forward to the Seal of Biliteracy becoming law in Massachusetts and to leading the state in the implementation with the lessons we learned this year in our pilot. Please contact Pat DiPillo at Falmouth High School if you want to know how to support this important initiative.

As usual, we also honored our National Exam Award winners in French, Latin and Spanish with students earning bronze, silver and gold medals. In French Bronze medals went to Beatriz Barros, Grace Kwon, Sam Akkawi, Gwendolyn Borning, Juliette Marchal and Tomasz Dvorak. Silver medals to: Emma Russell, Daniel Mark-Welch, Abigail Turner, Charles Xu, Christopher Parkinson, Michael Mangalo, Nathaniel Evans, Abigail Pope, Emma Russell, Julia Furnari and Elizabeth Taft. A Gold medal went to John Walsh. In Spanish, bronze went to Hannah Willy and Daniel Gessen. Silver to: Sierra Abbott, Kathryn Greve, Bennett Helfrich, Michael Mangalo, Josephine Brennan and Larissa Menezes. Gold went to : Zane Otter and Louis Kilfoyle. In Latin: Silver medals went to : Isabelle Edgar, Morgan Almeida, William Bohnenberger, Nikolas Jancaterino, Kyree Leachman, Sierra Abbott, Kyle Miller, Hannah Buscher and Ethan Bourne. Gold medals to; Rachel Martin, Julia Moskal, Christopher Parkinson, Maxwell Bert and Kathleen Desmond. Many students also earned certificates of Honorable Mention.

Certificates for French Honor Society inductees were also awarded to: Beatriz Barros, Cody Bellac, Gwendolyn Borning, Michael Briggs, Tomasz Dvorak, Leila Elguessab, Christopher Parkinson, and Yvonne Vu.

Congratulations to all of our Foreign Language stars and to their teachers, Jen Hayman, Maria Demeo, Ed Priest, Adrienne Forns, Karen Bacigalupi, Susan Schmidt, Bill Mock, Laurie Jensen, Susan Twitchell and Kelly Grace who motivate and encourage them to be their best! Bravo!

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