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Five Flyers Earn Top Honors in Long Island Spanish Contest

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Some students are interested in math; others take an interest in history. Still others have a thing *para español*. Chaminade students, especially, have a knack for Spanish. Five of the ten Flyers who participated in the Long Island Language Teachers (LILT) Spanish Contest received an award for their work.

"I was pleased that they were acknowledged for their work. They all put in the time, they all put in the effort, and they all chose to participate. They weren't forced," said foreign-language-department chair Mrs. Mary Oliva, a teacher of Spanish IV and Spanish V.

"I think that's the best way to win," she added.

Out of the three categories offered in the contest, Chaminade students fared best in the Poetry Recital.

Contest veteran Marino Pawlowski '10, who fell just short of the top prize a year ago, received first-place honors this year with his recital of "Oda al Tomate." Marino could have chosen any poem that he had learned in class this year, but the 86-line poem by Pablo Neruda stood out to him.

Fellow senior Dan Hinton received second-place honors in the same category.

Chaminade students also received awards in the Original Poetry and Original Essay categories.

The Original Poetry competition required students to compose an original Spanish poem that was no longer than two minutes spoken. Senior Conor Kutner's poem won first-place honors in this category.

The Original Essay required a 350-word essay on "Growing Up in the 21st Century." This open-ended topic did not intimidate Drew D'Ambrosio '10.

Drew placed second with his essay, and Tom Antorino '10 received an honorable mention in the same category.

"Spanish and foreign languages have always interested me," said Tom. "It's what I want to pursue."

Students had spent the better part of two weeks trying to perfect their submissions, and their efforts were certainly rewarded.

"We had some very fine students with very fine speaking and writing abilities

participate in the contest," said Mrs. Alanna Kump, who teaches Spanish III and Spanish IV. "The students were outstanding; they surpassed our expectations. We hope the students will perform just as well in the years to come." ➤



Say queso! (l.-r.) Mrs. Mary Oliva, Tom Antorino '10, Drew D'Ambrosio '10, Dan Hinton '10, Conor Kutner '10, Marino Pawlowski '10, and Mrs. Alanna Kump pose for una fotografia.