

## Calvert Students earn Maryland seal of biliteracy

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Twenty-seven Calvert County students have earned the Maryland Seal of Biliteracy by demonstrating a high level of proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English.

Dr. Daniel D. Curry, Superintendent, said, "We recognize that students who speak more than one language have an advantage when they graduate and begin a career or higher education.

Some of these students are native speakers of other languages who have mastered English, and some have learned a world language in our schools. We are proud of all of them and look forward to seeing them wear their medals at graduation."

To be awarded the Seal of Biliteracy, students must earn high scores on both the English Language Arts portion of the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) and on either an Advanced Placement exam or another world language assessment that is aligned to the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) proficiency guidelines.

The students who earned the Seal of Biliteracy and their language of proficiency are:

### **Calvert High**

Chinar Beknazarova, Turkmen  
Jessica Misiorek, Spanish  
Shivang Parekhji, Gujarati  
Maaz Rahman, Urdu  
Umar Shah, Urdu  
Susana Soriano, Spanish  
Paola Sotomayor Vegilla, Spanish  
Heydi Vasquez Saenz, Spanish  
Gabrielle Vicmudo, Tagalog  
JingJing Xu, Chinese

### **Huntingtown High**

Carlos Balazs, Spanish  
Gabiella Smith, Spanish

### **Northern High**

Jenna Carpenter, Spanish  
Joseph Crunkleton, Spanish  
Kendall Dent, Spanish  
Sarah Donaldson, Spanish  
Logan Douglas, Spanish  
Mae Howlin, Spanish  
Jenna Mehls, Spanish  
Gabriel Mignardi, Spanish  
Viena Rachel Osorio, Spanish  
Haylee Plaudis, Spanish  
Victoria Plaudis, Spanish  
Samantha Plumley, Spanish  
Jenna Smith, Spanish  
Hannah Zwick, Spanish

### **Patuxent High**

Sabrina Rodriguez, Spanish

Additional students may qualify for the Seal of Biliteracy when Advanced Placement scores are received in early July.

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