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News release

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Cascade High School students earn state awards

Yo escribe en español in its 18th year, encourages Spanish literacy

Three students in Margarita Hurtado's AP Spanish class have earned top awards in the 18th annual *Yo escribe en español* literary contest. [The contest](#) is sponsored by the Center for Spanish studies, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), the University of Washington, and the Education Office of the Embassy of Spain. Each year the group invites all high school students in Washington state to participate.

This year's topic was related to a statement made by *Sancho* in Miguel de Cervantes' masterpiece, *Don Quijote de la Mancha*, "Freedom is one of the most precious gifts that has been bestowed upon human beings."

Donna Trejo, a junior, earned first place in the category of Narrative Essay by a Spanish speaker. Sandra Isabel Rojas, also a junior, took second place in that category.

In the category of Narrative Essay by a speaker of another language, Steven Bishop, a senior, earned third place.

Their teacher is very proud of the student's work. "To have three prizes out of the 500 submitted from across the state is GREAT! The essays were judged by professors from Spain and the University of Washington." She also noted, "The two girls are very thankful for their parents who made all the sacrifices to change their lives, and they are dreaming of becoming professionals to honor them!"

All three students will join other winners in May at the University of Washington to be honored for their achievements. They will also be honored at the April 19 Board of Directors meeting.

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Sandra, teacher Margarita Hurtado, Steven and Donna were volunteer translators in March at a Community Conversation conducted in Spanish so families could talk about school construction and school technology.

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