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## **Colorado State Spelling Bee Celebrates 78th Year**

*Top spellers from across the state to compete on March 10 at  
University of Denver*

Denver, CO - March 8, 2018 - More than 280 top student spellers from Colorado elementary and middle schools will gather at University of Denver's Sturm Hall on Saturday, March 10, 2018 to compete in the 78th Annual Colorado State Spelling Bee. The winner will advance to compete in the 2018 Scripps National Spelling Bee near Washington D.C. in May.

Over the 78 year history of Colorado students competing in the National Bee, a Colorado student has won the coveted national title seven times: 1957, 1959, 1979, 1980, 1982, 1989, and 2002.

The Colorado State Spelling Bee will include more than 280 pre-qualified 2nd to 8th grade students from schools across the state. They will all take part in written spelling and vocabulary tests to determine who will advance as finalists for the oral competition. The approximate 35 finalists will compete starting at 1pm and will continue until a champion emerges around 5:00 p.m. The oral competition is open to the public and is free to attend.

"Each year we are thrilled for every student who makes it to the State Spelling Bee, as they worked hard to win their school or regional Bees," said Carol Cline, Colorado State Spelling Bee event director. "Once the finalists start the oral portion of the day, we are amazed at the intellect and dedication we see and hear each time they step up to the microphone."

For a list of this year's competing spellers sorted by their school, please [click here](#). To see the list sorted by their city, [click here](#).

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### ***About Denver Post Community Foundation***

The Colorado State Spelling Bee is an event of The Denver Post Community Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, which serves to improve and enrich the lives of those in our community through support of programs that benefit arts and culture, children and youth, education and literacy and the provision of basic human services. The Foundation raises funds primarily through eight signature events and programs including: Basket of Joy, Cheyenne Frontier Days Train, Colorado State Spelling Bee, Passport to the Arts,

Pedal The Plains Bicycle Tour, Pen and Podium Series, Ride the Rockies Bicycle Tour, and Season To Share. To learn more about Denver Post Community, visit [denverpostcommunity.com](http://denverpostcommunity.com).

***About Scripps National Spelling Bee:***

The nation's largest and longest running educational program celebrates its 91th year in 2018. The purpose of the Scripps National Spelling Bee is to help students improve spelling, increase their vocabularies, learn concepts and develop correct English usage that will help them all of their lives. Visit [spellingbee.com](http://spellingbee.com) for more information about the Scripps National Spelling Bee, which is administered on a not-for-profit basis by The E. W. Scripps Company.

