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1st Chinese Star Contest award winners to be honored this Saturday

SAN JOSE, CA – Local education and community leaders will gather at the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) this Saturday, Nov. 15, to honor the winners of the first annual San Jose – Silicon Valley 1st Chinese Star Contest, a competition co-sponsored by the SCCOE and the Confucius Institute at San Francisco State University intended to encourage the exploration of Chinese language, art, poetry and culture by K-12 students.

More than 270 students from local schools participated in the competition on Oct. 25, displaying an impressive knowledge of Chinese language and culture.

In August, Jon R. Gundry, Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools, highlighted the numerous benefits that students reap from a bilingual education and the importance of creating more opportunities for language instruction in schools at a press conference to introduce the 1st Chinese Star Contest to Santa Clara County.

“Research tells us that instructional programs which promote the study of world languages and cultures play a critical role in eliminating the achievement gap for traditionally underserved students,” said Gundry. “We also know that language programs provide better academic and social outcomes for all students across the board. Accordingly, students who are bilingual or multilingual will have a strong foundation for future success across a variety of career paths.”

Representatives from the Confucius Institute and the Chinese Consulate General in San Francisco will be in attendance to honor students in each of the four competition categories: Calligraphy (pen/brush), Painting/Drawing, Chinese Poetry Recital and Oral Presentation.

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