



AATSP CONGRATULATES SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE TEACHERS AND THEIR STUDENTS (K-12)

With the end of the academic year fast approaching, we would like to express our gratitude to the teachers who went above and beyond to administer to their students one or more of the AATSP's official examinations—[National Spanish Exam](#) (NSE), [National Portuguese Exam](#) (NPE), [National Spanish Challenge](#) (NSC), and the [National Spanish Assessment](#) (NSA).

With nearly 83,000 students registered for our assessments and contests this year, students of Spanish and Portuguese are once again being recognized nationally and locally for their achievements with ribbons, medals, teacher praise, self-satisfaction, and national validation.

NSE Director Lisa Greenman and staff members, Wendy Simms and Kat Zaborowski, have provided strong leadership and support in reviving and creating opportunities for students and teachers as the educational community recovers from the pandemic.

Here are some highlights:

- A group of outstanding NSE students received scholarship support to travel to Puerto Rico this summer.
- Students are traveling to engage in in-person language study at Concordia Language Villages (CLV) in Bemidji, MN, thanks to NSE scholarships.
- Students also are receiving scholarships to participate in CLV virtual camp sessions for Portuguese and Spanish.
- AATSP has begun planning for more student travel opportunities in 2023.
- The new NSE Leadership Council is currently reviewing applications for NSE Senior Scholarships.
- The National Portuguese Exam has transitioned successfully to a new delivery platform.
- The National Spanish Challenge Coloring Contest was launched for our youngest learners this spring.

All gold medals have been shipped to teachers for distribution to students. Unfortunately, due to supply chain issues beyond our control, some teachers may not receive their silver and bronze medals until June. We regret the tardiness.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, at the [104th AATSP Annual Conference](#), we will be celebrating the 65th anniversary of the founding year of the NSE exam and contest. Join us!

