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**NORTHLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT WINS COUNTY SPELLING BEE  
AND ADVANCES TO NATIONAL COMPETITION**

**ASTON, PA:** Northley Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> grader Veronica Siko participated against approximately 25 students and won the Delaware County round of the Scripps National Spelling Bee competition. The spelling bee was held on Saturday, March 19 at Neumann University. Veronica will next compete in the National Competition in Washington, D.C. on June 1 and 2.

The nation's largest and longest-running educational promotion is administered on a not-for-profit basis by the E.W. Scripps Company and was sponsored locally by the Spirit Media Group, publisher of the *Community Spirit* and the *Chester Spirit*. The purpose of the Scripps National Spelling Bee is to help students improve their spelling, increase their vocabularies, learn concepts, and develop correct English usage that will help them all their lives.

Assistant Principal Dan Hill was on hand to celebrate the victory with Veronica. "We are very proud of Veronica," stated Mr. Hill. "This is a goal she set for herself, and we know that if there is anyone who works diligently to achieve her goals, it is Veronica. She has her sights set high for the national competition. We expect her to be very successful at the national level, and we wish her all the best."

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