

**NYS Spanish BETAC @ NYU Steinhardt's Metro Center presents the statewide
"2010 New York State Spanish Spelling Bee"**

The New York State Spanish Bilingual Education Technical Assistance Center (SBETAC) at NYU Steinhardt's Metro Center, in collaboration with the New York City Department of Education, Scholastic Inc., and the Office of Education of the Consulate of Spain in New York, will conduct the *2010 New York State Spanish Spelling Bee Final Competition* on Friday, May 28, 2010 at the Scholastic Inc. World Headquarters in New York City. This competition will bring together winners of participating New York State districts and schools from grades 4 to 8.

Every year, the *New York State Spanish Spelling Bee* generates great excitement among participants and educators while encouraging students to achieve excellence in their education. While there are vast numbers of Spanish language speakers and Spanish language learners in the United States, only New York State consistently encourages schools to conduct local Spanish Spelling Bees and hosts an annual Spanish Spelling Bee final competition

In preparation for the 2010 final competition, schools and districts that have expressed interest in the Spanish Spelling Bee will conduct local competitions for their 4th through 8th grade students starting in January 2010. Following local competitions, it is expected that the 2010 "Bee" will bring approximately 100 local 1st place winners to the Scholastic Auditorium in New York City to determine the *New York State Spanish Spelling Bee Champions* for 4-5th and 6-8th grades. Students will be accompanied and celebrated by their parents, teachers, and other school representatives.

A hugely welcomed support of the activities of the 2010 local "Bees" and the final competition has been pledged by *Univision Communications Inc.*, the largest Spanish language communication system in the world, through its *Univision Television Network*, one of the top five TV networks in any language in the USA. *Univision's* Director of Programming addressed the "Bee" coordinators at their December meeting and presented a plan to provide coverage for the local as well as the final competitions. Starting in January 2010, *Univision* will broadcast the local district and/or schools competitions, and include information about the schools and the participating students from more than one hundred schools across New York State.

Watch the video clip in the link shown below featuring one of the 2009 NYS Spanish Spelling Bee winners who was interviewed by *Univision* at the conclusion of the event. This clip, televised via *Univision*, appeared in the local tri-state channels.

http://www.univision.com/content/video.jhtml?cid=1965954&channelName=Videos&_requestid=47343

Look for information on the Spanish Spelling Bee in future 2010 e-blasts, or visit our website, <http://steinhardt.nyu.edu/metrocenter/sbetac>