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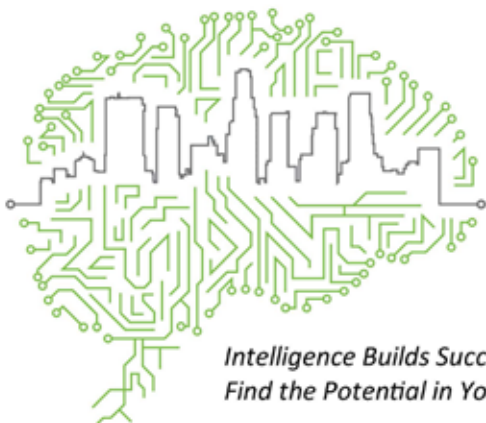


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# WELCOME to the 2017 IPEI Adult Spelling Bee



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King Bee: Ralph Jones  
Timekeeper: Deborah O'Connor with a cast of honorary Bee Keepers  
Bee Fairies: Anna Danks Burke and Charlotte Hay  
Judges: Matt Braun, Jerry Dietz, Jennifer Engel, Suzanne Smith Jablonski, Deborah Lynn, Martha Frommelt, Paulette Manos, Deborah Mohlenhoff  
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Ithaca High School has a state-of-the-art television production facility and course in Digital Media. Students get the opportunity to produce shows in a real-world environment for the web and for cable. Thanks to teacher Jon Shyne, today's Bee is being videotaped for live viewing and to be watched afterwards via IPEI's YouTube channel.

# thank you!



# IPEI Adult Spelling Bee Teams

## Round 1



### 1 Spellicans

Team: Spelling Friends  
Sponsor: CSP Management, Wahl Educational Consulting and Self Sponsored  
Spellers: Beth Howard, Melissa Smith, Russ Charif

### 2 Board of Ed Buzz

Team: ICSD Board of Education  
Sponsor: The Ainslie Reilly Group at Morgan Stanley  
Spellers: Pat Wasyliw, Erica Kueffer, Robert Van Keuren

### 3 CFCU Logophilers

Team: CFCU  
Sponsor: CFCU  
Spellers: Sheldon Kinar, Kevin McGinn, Michael Motell

### 4 Taking Care of Buzzness

Team: Wegmans  
Sponsor: Wegmans  
Spellers: Traci Demming, Neil Snyder, Nico Herlihy

### 5 Fine Arts "Word" Boosters

Team: Fine Arts Booster Group  
Sponsor: Anonymous  
Spellers: Mary Ann Erickson, Nicki Zawel, Shane Henderson

### 6 The Pagemasters

Team: Tompkins County Public Library  
Sponsor: Tompkins County Public Library  
Spellers: Rich Recchia, Melissa Casano, Teresa Panek

### 7 Danby Road Shredders

Team: Challenge Workforce Solutions  
Sponsor: Challenge Workforce Solutions  
Spellers: Joe Sammons, Briggs Seekins, John Hutchinson

### 8 Wotterfawl Fun Raisin

Team: Fall Creek Elementary School  
Sponsor: Self Sponsored and Realty USA  
Spellers: Christina King, Megan E. Powers, James Coulombe

## Round 2

### 1 Dr. Brown Told Us 2

Team: ICSD Administration  
Sponsor: Hunt Engineers and Trane U.S.  
Spellers: Lee Ginenthal, Dan Breiman, Mary Grover

### 2 Highway to Spell

Team: Cayuga Radio Group  
Sponsor: Cayuga Radio Group  
Spellers: Kyle Robertson, Dave Ashton, Chris Hedden

### 3 Doctoral Dictionaries

Team: Cornell PhD Students  
Sponsor: Self Sponsored and Tompkins Insurance Agencies  
Spellers: Aubryn Sidle, Eleanor Snow Andrews, Paul Berry

### 4 Westhill <Ortho>Graphics

Team: Friends & Family of Westhill Graphics  
Sponsor: Westhill Graphics  
Spellers: Tammy Shapiro, Joe Ryan, Lauren Weiner

### 5 $y=mx+bee$

Team: Ithaca High School Math Teachers  
Sponsor: Self Sponsored and Anonymous  
Spellers: Benjamin Kirk, Karen Seifert, Karl Mellander

### 6 HosBeeCare

Team: Hospicare  
Sponsor: Harris Beach and Tompkins Trust Company  
Spellers: Dr. Suzanne Anderson, Daryl Anderson, Connie O'Brien

### 7 I Don't Think You're Ready For This Royal Jelly

Team: Cornell Catering  
Sponsor: Cornell Catering  
Spellers: Max Mandeville, Margaret Bruns, Natasha Steinhall

### 8 Hive Mind

Team: Cayuga Heights Elementary School  
Sponsor: Cayuga Heights Elementary School PTA and Kelviden Farm  
Spellers: Angela Levy, Dana Lobell, McKenzie Jones





## Round 3

### 1 We Spell Krazy Good

Team: WSKG Radio  
Sponsor: WSKG  
Spellers: Monica Sandreczki, Sam Goodyear, Bill Snyder

### 2 Spellout

Team: Cornell Linguistics, Undergrads  
Sponsor: Travis Hyde Properties and Anchor Capital Management  
Spellers: Patrick Niedzielski, Jose Armando Fernandez Guerrero, Javier Agnede

### 3 Prince, Phelps and Lemoncello

Team: ICSD Librarians  
Sponsor: Honda of Ithaca  
Spellers: Milly Stephenson, Maureen Gilroy, Alexandra Spencer

### 4 Family Buzzers

Team: Family & Children's Service  
Sponsor: Family & Children's Service  
Spellers: Nick Filippini, Elaine Liu, Linda Mack

### 5 ITA Spellerz

Team: Ithaca Teachers Association  
Sponsor: Self Sponsored and Anonymous  
Spellers: Adam Piasecki, Kathryn Cerna, Spencer Hill

### 6 Off the "Wahl" Spellers

Team: Wahl Educational Consulting  
Sponsor: Wahl Educational Consulting  
Spellers: Olivia Wahl, Bunny DeMember, Claire Concepcion

### 7 IHS Bee-T-A

Team: Ithaca High School PTA  
Sponsor: Self Sponsored and Anonymous  
Spellers: Esther Racoosin, Lori Sonken, Mary Lorson

### 8 The Walkerbees

Team: Sciarabba Walker  
Sponsor: Sciarabba Walker  
Spellers: Elyse Eddy, Sarah Acker, Ed Rudert

## Round 4

### 1 GHOTI

Team: Cornell Linguistics, Grads  
Sponsor: True Insurance and Warren Real Estate  
Spellers: Sarah D'Antonio, Carol-Rose Little, Jacob Collard

### 2 IthacaSTEM Hexaplexes

Team: IthacaSTEM Advocates  
Sponsor: CSP Management, Anonymous and Self Sponsored  
Spellers: Mark Chao, Suzanne Nussbaum, Miriam Nussbaum

### 3 Spellitects

Team: Tetra Tech  
Sponsor: Tetra Tech  
Spellers: Sean O'Brien, Chris Glaubitz, Mary Esther Palumbo, James Bouffard

### 4 Caroline BEEtniks

Team: Caroline Elementary School PTA  
Sponsor: Caroline Elementary School PTA  
Spellers: Stacey Murphy, Sarah Fiorello, Brian VanGorder

### 5 First Congo Bees

Team: First Congregational Church  
Sponsor: Kohl's  
Spellers: Jacquie Kaden, Ian Woods, Pam Hanna

### 6 Fawl Creak Fund R'aison

Team: Fall Creek Elementary School  
Sponsor: Self Sponsored and PTA Council  
Spellers: James Jones, Andy Adelewitz, Susan Phillips

### 7 Belle Spellerz

Team: Belle Sherman School PTA  
Sponsor: Belle Sherman PTA  
Spellers: Merry Buckeley, Laura Batten, Melanie Lefkowitz

### 8 The CU Laterz

Team: Cornell Office of Community Relations  
Sponsor: Cornell Office of Community Relations  
Spellers: Susan Riley, Linda Mikula, Liz Field



# Championship Round



## Winner Round 1

Team: \_\_\_\_\_

## Winner Round 2

Team: \_\_\_\_\_

## Winner Round 3

Team: \_\_\_\_\_

## Winner Round 4

Team: \_\_\_\_\_



## THE BEE TROPHY GOES TO...

Team: \_\_\_\_\_

*Proceeds from the Adult Spelling Bee  
will help fund IPEI's grants for teachers.  
Together, we make a difference in our schools and  
in our community—thank you for your support!*

# NEW 2017... Spelling Bee Rules

- ❶ Each team will consist of three members, and each team is being asked to STAND during their designated round. (Chairs available as needed.)
- ❷ All teams should have a designated speller who will write the response on the white board.
- ❸ The Pronouncer will pronounce the word, give the definition of the word, use it in a sentence, give the language of origin, and pronounce the word once more.
- ❹ Each team will have 30 seconds to spell the word by writing it on the white board distributed to each team at the beginning of the round. The 30 seconds will begin when the pronouncer has finished.
- ❺ The timekeeper will give a warning when 10 seconds remain.
- ❻ Team members may collaborate on the spelling of a word.
- ❼ Team members may ask to have a word pronounced another time during the 30 seconds by raising the bee wand provided, though the clock will not stop.
- ❽ If a team completes their word before the 30 seconds is up the designated speller will raise his or her hand.
- ❾ Any team that does not hold up the white board HIGH when the judges call for time will be eliminated. Any team continuing to write after time is called or attempting to change the word as written on the slate will be disqualified.
- ❿ Penmanship counts! If the word is illegible or if letters are ambiguous, the word will be treated as misspelled.
- ⓫ Do not erase your slate until you have been told whether your spelling is correct. If a team erases its word too soon they may be disqualified. If a team attempts to rewrite the word on the slate, the team will be disqualified. If you have spelled the word correctly and the judges notify you of this you may erase and prepare for the next word.
- ⓬ If you have spelled the word incorrectly, please drape one of your flags marked with an X over the front of your table and prepare for the next word. Upon missing the spelling of two words, a team is eliminated from the round. However, we are asking each team to remain standing at their table, despite being eliminated, until the round is completely over.
- ⓭ The team left after all others in a particular round have been eliminated is declared the winner of that round, and will go on to compete in the Championship Round. Only one team from each round may participate in the Championship Round
- ⓮ In the event that all teams in a round are eliminated at the same time by a single word, additional words will be added until just one team remains. Spelling words are chosen from various sources.
- ⓯ The format of the Championship round will remain a surprise and may differ from the format of rounds one through four. The format will be announced between the fourth and Championship rounds.
- ⓰ Words will be pronounced according to the diacritical markings in Webster's Third New International Dictionary (1993), the official Bee dictionary. These procedures and official rules will govern at the spelling bee. Any disputes will be resolved by the judges. There will be no appeals.





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—called also laughing jackass



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**smaragdine** – adjective: Of or relating to emeralds, having the color of emeralds.

**malfeasance** – wrongdoing or misconduct especially by a public official

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## More about IPEI grants:

IPEI supports educators with innovative ideas that energize the curriculum and foster authentic learning experiences that reach all students. Our programs bring a diverse range of community resources into the classroom, stretching students' imaginations, increasing engagement, and enhancing education. IPEI currently has three distinct grant programs to help teachers reach far:

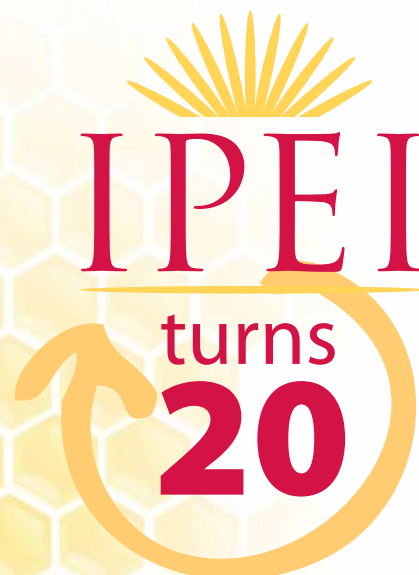
**Teacher Grants** support ICSD teachers who have ideas for educational projects that involve community members inside and outside ICSD classrooms and directly involve and/or benefit student learning. Applications are accepted twice a year for grants up to \$1,500 each.


**Red and Gold Grants** are one-time grants of up to \$500 for classroom and/or school projects developed by ICSD teachers, staff, students or community members offered four times per year. Funds are granted to strengthen and enrich activities that fall outside the criteria of IPEI's Teacher Grants program.

**Connecting Classrooms Grants** of up to \$10,000 fund large-scale projects that enhance student engagement and support learning consistent with school and district goals. ICSD staff are encouraged to develop partnerships between teachers within a school, across grade levels and/or between schools. The grants are designed to encourage innovative thinking, engage students, and increase the sense of community between groups of teachers and students.

*"Through the support and generosity of IPEI and the community that is leveraged by their grants, our staff has offered ever more engaging, relevant, and creative instruction to Ithaca's students. IPEI is truly the gold standard for how communities and schools can partner to engage, educate, and empower our young people."*

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**hellebore** – any of a genus (*Helleborus*) of poisonous Eurasian herbs of the buttercup family having showy flowers with petaloid sepals; also: the dried rhizome of a hellebore (as *H. niger*) formerly used in medicine


**logorrhea** – adjective: excessive and often incoherent talkativeness or wordiness



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**ipseity** – selfhood; state of being oneself

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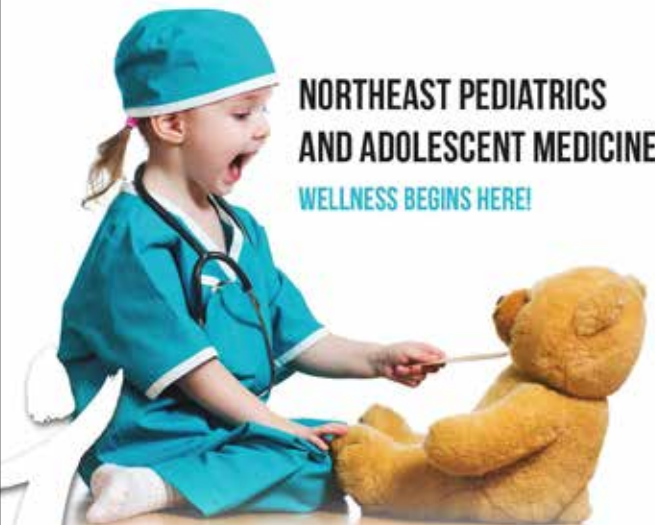
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**quinquevir** – one of a commission, council, or ruling body of five (as in ancient Rome)

**viand** – an item of food; especially: a choice or tasty dish



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