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Mason, Ohio – Mars Hill Academy 7th grader Levi Giese was recently named the ACSI Spelling Bee Champion, after winning the National Bee hosted Friday, May 13 and 14, 2011, in Washington D.C.

The Association of Christian Schools International annually conducts spelling bees across the nation. Approximately 300,000 5th-8th graders begin with class competitions in the fall. The field of spellers narrows to around 15,000 at the District Bees, around 4,500 at the Regional Bees, and then narrows substantially again at the national level. This year 42 spellers competed at the National Bee.

Levi spelled the following words to win his rounds at the bee: *thaumaturgy, opossum, maladjusted, latifundium, messaline, cession, orrery, pyrotechnics, colubrine, execration, volatile*. The winning word was *sockdologer*, meaning “something which settles a matter, a decisive blow or answer.”

After the competition, the top four spellers at the National Bee participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery.

Mars Hill Academy is a classical and Christian K-12 school, serving just over 300 students and located at 4230 Aero Drive in Mason, Ohio. The school holds true to the classical model of education, teaching Latin, formal logic, and formal rhetoric.

For more information, please call the school at 513-770-3223 or visit the web site at www.marshill.edu.

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