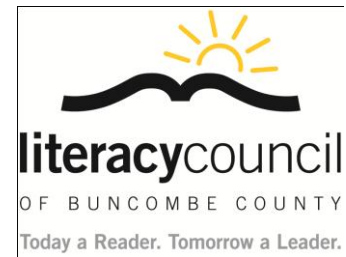


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### **The Literacy Council of Buncombe County Hosts 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Spelling Bee on May 27, 2010**

*Dust off your dictionary and join the Spellebration!*

**Asheville, North Carolina – May 6, 2010** – The Literacy Council of Buncombe County will hold its annual Spelling Bee Spellebration on May 27, 2010, 7:00 p.m., at the AB Tech Ferguson Auditorium.

Fifteen Spelling Bee teams—sponsored by local businesses, non-profits, community associations, colleges, book clubs and friends—will compete in the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Spelling Bee. The great mix of people, personalities and competitive spirit make this an event to remember. Local celebrities competing this year include AB Tech President Dr. Hank Dunn and Asheville Citizen-Times reporter John Boyle.

The community is invited to join the audience, prepared to cheer their favorite team to victory with hats, horns, placards and cheering. Jokes and laughter quell the spellers' nerves over some pretty serious words. Each member of the winning Spelling Bee team goes home with a Grand Prize and the thrill of spelling their way to v-i-c-t-o-r-y for the cause of literacy.

A Spirit Box for each Spelling Bee Team allows the audience to make contributions to the Literacy Council in honor of their favorite team. The team with the most Spirit Box contributions will receive a special Spirit Prize. The audience will also be entered into drawings for door prizes.

Audience members are asked to contribute \$5.00 at the door – or non-perishable food items of equal value. The Literacy Council will give all food donations to Manna Food Bank in a spirit of partnership to meet the needs in our community.

This event is generously sponsored by Blue Ridge Energy Systems (Platinum Sponsor), Bellagio and RBC Bank (Gold Sponsors).

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This year's teams are:

Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College  
Asheville Citizen-Times  
Asheville City Schools  
Asheville Savings Bank  
Congregation Beth HaTephila Brotherhood  
Evergreen Community Charter School  
Givens Estates  
Home Trust Bank  
Manna Food Bank  
Montford Books and More  
Mountain Bizworks  
Norwood Park Werd Nerds  
The Spellbinders  
Villages at Crest Mountain  
Warren Wilson College

#### **About the Literacy Council of Buncombe County**

The Literacy Council of Buncombe County teaches adults basic reading, writing, math and language skills through individual and small group instruction by trained volunteers. Students gain self-confidence and develop self-sufficiency to transform their lives as individuals, parents, workers and citizens. Success comes from the trusted bond that develops between instructors and students. The Literacy Council, accredited by ProLiteracy America and serving the community since 1987, provides highly individualized tutoring to fit the needs of over 360 students in two core programs – Adult Education and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). For more information, visit [litcouncil.com](http://litcouncil.com) or call 828-254-3442.