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Broken Arrow Sisters Sweep School Spelling Bee

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OVCA students take first place and advance to regional competitions

OKLAHOMA CITY--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Two sisters from Broken Arrow advanced to a semi-regional competition after demonstrating exceptional spelling skills in their recent school spelling bees. Kesinu Ehimika, a fifth grader, claimed the top prize in the elementary school division, while older sister Ayiba Ehimika, an eighth grader, won the middle school division.

Sisters Kesinu (pictured) and Ayiba Ehimika took first place in their grade level spelling bees.

(Photo: Business Wire)

The siblings attend Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy (OVCA), one of the longest operating

virtual charter schools.

"Every student has a unique learning style and deserves the chance to showcase their knowledge in a way that suits them best," said Audra Plummer, OVCA Head of School. "Opportunities like the virtual Spelling Bee cater to individual needs and equip students with the necessary resources to excel."

Kesinu said she enjoyed competing in the Spelling Bee with other fifth graders.

"It was exciting getting to spell different words and make new friends," she said.

Repetition was crucial to Ayiba's success, "I learned that practicing your words daily can help you win a spelling bee."

Ayiba moved on to regionals. The Spelling Bees were held online.

Photos are available [here](#).

About Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy

Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy (OVCA) is a full-time public charter school authorized by the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board serving Oklahoma students in kindergarten through 12th grade. As part of the Oklahoma public school system, OVCA is tuition-free and gives parents and families the choice to access the curriculum and tools provided by K12, a Stride company (NYSE: LRN). Stride offers learners of all ages a more effective way to learn and build their skills for the future. For more information about OVCA, visit **ovca.k12.com**.

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