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**Franklin Electronic Publishers Honors 79<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Scripps National Spelling Bee National Champion, Katharine Close**

*Winner Collects a Cash Award and Spelling Ace® Award  
after Correctly Spelling Ursprache*

**BURLINGTON, New Jersey – June 7, 2006** – Franklin Electronic Publishers (AMEX:FEP), a leader in developing innovative electronic learning solutions, joined the E.W. Scripps Company in congratulating Katharine Close as the winner of the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee held in Washington, D.C.

As the national champion, Katharine received \$5,000 and the Spelling Ace Award from Franklin. Additionally, Franklin presented the top ten finalists with a limited edition electronic Merriam-Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus. Every Spelling Bee participant also received a Franklin Spelling Ace T-shirt, a Spelling Ace baseball cap and a \$20 gift certificate that can be used to purchase products at [www.franklin.com](http://www.franklin.com).

"This is our third consecutive year supporting the Scripps National Spelling Bee. We are proud to take part in such a dignified event which encourages learning," said Barry Lipsky, President and Chief Executive Officer of Franklin Electronic Publishers. "On behalf of Franklin Electronic Publishers, I am honored to present Katharine Close, a home state gal, the Franklin Spelling Ace Award to recognize her achievement as the 2006 National Champion."

All Franklin dictionaries offer phonetic spell correction and a variety of learning tools to help students improve their spelling. Just like a real spelling bee, Franklin's Speaking Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary offers a virtual spelling bee that pronounces thousands of words for students to enter their spelling attempt and receive immediate feedback on the correct spelling.

Franklin will merchandise its product line-up in special display shippers showing its proud support of the Scripps National Spelling Bee during the back to school season.

## **About The Scripps National Spelling Bee**

The Scripps National Spelling Bee is administered year-round on a not-for-profit basis by Scripps and 268 local sponsors. The National Spelling Bee was launched by the Louisville, Kentucky, *Courier-Journal* in 1925. The majority of local spelling bee sponsors are daily and weekly newspapers. At the time of the competition, contestants must be under sixteen years of age and not yet promoted beyond the eighth grade.

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