

Literary triumph: PrepaTec students stand out internationally



Two students from PrepaTec Saltillo were **international** winners of a literature contest organized by the **National English Honor Society (NEHS)**.

The works of students Anaís Monjarás and Katherine Pérez were chosen from among around **9,000 contestants** who form part of this program.

NEHS is an international initiative that seeks to partner with high schools to **honor excellence** in English language, literature, and writing.

“Each season offers different **artistic, intellectual and academic challenges**,” said Professor Franz Sander, Chapter Advisor to NEHS members at PrepaTec Saltillo.



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Transforming emotions into poetry

Anaís Monjarás, a fifth semester student, was **one of the six winners** of the *Creative Challenge* with her poem [**He destroyed himself.**](#)

For this challenge, students created **original poems** that addressed themes from Natalie Díaz's collection *When My Brother Was an Aztec*.

"I was struck by the way the author talked about how addictions can affect you, and this inspired me to write my poem," said Anaís Monjarás.

*"I also really like writing as a way of expressing all my emotions; **it's a way I communicate with the world,**"* she added.



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Books without censorship, ideas without limits

The *Intellectual Freedom Challenge* invited NEHS members to write an argumentative essay explaining why a book of their choice **should not be censored**.

Katherine Pérez was one of the winners with her essay [*Revolution in Black and White: Freedom Through Narratives*](#).

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In her text, in which she explored the book *Persepolis*, the student **advocated for both free access to information and freedom of expression**.

*“The impact that the book *Persepolis* had on me after reading it was inspiring. This story made me reflect on the injustice that many people face in their countries as a result of not having access to works like these,”* Katherine said.



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Connecting students with global opportunities

NEHS aims to foster the correct and academic use of the **English language** through the participation of students in an **international community** that enriches the discipline.

Professor Franz Sander shared that linking students from PrepaTec's Bicultural Program with NEHS **opens doors for them to receive opportunities** for personal and professional growth at an international level.

*"Winning these competitions provides you with a **high curricular value**,"* added the professor.

*"**We're proud** that our students have won but, above all, it's a great achievement for them and a sign of our institution's prestige,"* he concluded.

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