



Building Community through the Arts

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Juniata and East Juniata High School Students compete in the Poetry Out Loud Competition

Students at East Juniata and Juniata High Schools recently held their Poetry Out Loud competition. Jennifer Hund organized the contest at East Juniata and Emily Wagner organized the contest at Juniata.

Each student chose three poems to memorize and present from a list of 1,200 classic and contemporary poems approved by the national Poetry Out Loud competition. Students were judged on their presentation style, as well as accuracy. Jordana Steffen won the contest at East Juniata and Natalie Popp won the contest at Juniata. They will compete at the regional competition on Wednesday, January 31, at Landis House in Newport. The winner of the regional competition will then go on to the state competition in early March in Lititz.

Perry County Council of the Arts sponsors the regional Poetry Out Loud competition each year in their role as the Arts In Education partner with the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. Students in grades 9-12 in seven counties – Juniata, Mifflin, Montour, Perry, Northumberland, Snyder, and Union – can participate in their local contest. The winners of the local contest then compete in the regional contest.

About Poetry Out Loud

Poetry Out Loud® is a national arts education program that encourages the study of great poetry by offering free educational materials and a dynamic recitation competition for high school students.

Poetry Out Loud helps students master public speaking skills, build confidence, and learn about literary history and contemporary life through poetry. With a catalog of 1,200 classic and contemporary poems at their disposal, students can explore language and themes that resonate with their own experiences. Participants recite their selected poems from memory in competitions at the local, state, and national levels for the chance to win monetary prizes.

Created by the [National Endowment for the Arts](#) (NEA) and the Poetry Foundation, Poetry Out Loud is administered in partnership with individual state arts agencies. Since its inception in 2005, the program has grown to nearly 4.2 million students and 72,000 teachers from 18,000 schools.

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