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**AHS JUNIOR, DAEJA LOEW
STATE CHAMPION
POETRY OUT LOUD**



Daeja Loew is the 2019 State POETRY OUT LOUD Champion! And, as State Champion, Daeja has earned the right to compete at the National competition in Washington DC at the end of April. As part of the prize package, she earned a \$200 prize and \$500 for the Altoona High School to spend on poetry books.

Over 500,000 students nationwide participate in this program each year, and Daeja joins an elite group of 52 students in competing in DC this spring.

The National Champion will be awarded a cash prize of \$20,000, with the second and third place finishers receiving \$10,000 and \$5000 respectively. "This is an incredible accomplishment, and quite the honor for Daeja and the school district. Daeja is the second student from Altoona in the past 3 years to qualify for the national competition," said AHS Poetry Out Loud Coach and English teacher, Angela Roloson.

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