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AHS JUNIOR, DAEJA LOEW & STATE POETRY OUT LOUD CHAMPION TAKES A WIN AT NATIONALS!

Daeja Loew, AHS junior and the 2019 Poetry Out Loud WI State Champion has won the spoken category in the optional Poetry Ourselves competition!

The 53 state champions competing at the National Finals had the opportunity to showcase their creativity through an optional competition, Poetry Ourselves. Students who opted to participate submitted an original work of poetry in one of two categories: either a written poem or a video of a spoken poem.

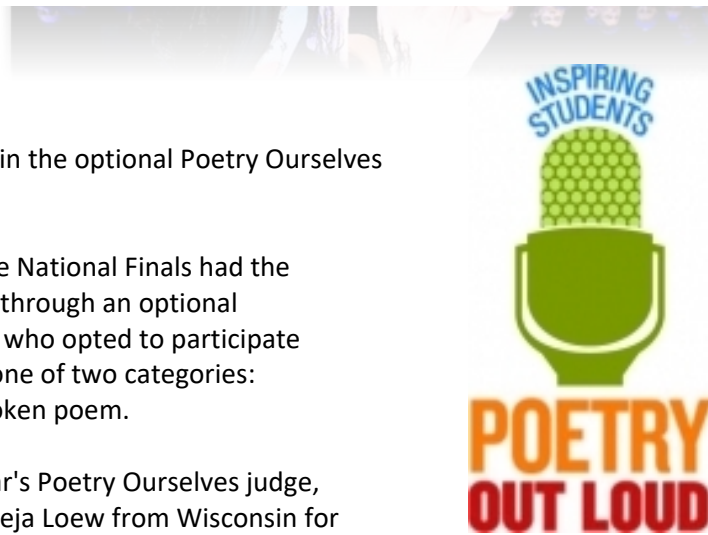
As selected by poet Kyle Dargan, this year's Poetry Ourselves judge, the winner for the spoken category is Daeja Loew from Wisconsin for her poem, "A Circle of Motherhood." North Carolina's Lillian Hawkins is the runner-up in the spoken category for her poem, "Sisters."

["A Circle of Motherhood" by Daeja Loew](#)

Daeja's coach, mentor, and teacher, Angela Roloson said, "Daeja represented Altoona and the State of Wisconsin with poise and with class. Her poetry writing skills and her interpretation skills were evident as was her preparation. I couldn't be prouder of what she did in Washington DC this week."



*Daeja Loew (on right) is shown with
Acting Chairman of the National Endowment
for the Arts Mary Anne Carter*



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