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AHS Senior, DAEJA LOEW STATE CHAMPION POETRY OUT LOUD

Daeja Loew is the 2020 State POETRY OUT LOUD Champion! And, as State Champion, Daeja has earned the right to compete at the National competition in Washington DC, April 27-29. There she will compete for scholarship funding, among an elite group of 53 students.

Miss Loew also won the State title last year, and went on to win the National competition for personally-written poetry.

"Daeja is a gifted speaker and poet and I am thankful that I have gotten to be a part of her journey. Having the experience of last year's National tournament to draw from, I am excited to see what she can do in Washington DC this year," said AHS Poetry Out Loud Coach and English teacher, Angela Roloson.

Each winner at the state level receives \$200 and an all-expenses-paid trip with an adult chaperone to Washington, DC to compete for the national championship. The state winner's school receives \$500 for the purchase of poetry materials. At the national finals, a total of \$50,000 in awards and school stipends is awarded annually.

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 to high schools across the country. This program helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about literary history and contemporary life. Poetry Out Loud is a partnership of the National Endowment for the Arts, Poetry Foundation, and the state and jurisdictional arts agencies.

Since 2005, Poetry Out Loud has grown to reach more than 3.8 million students and 60,000 teachers from 16,000 schools in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands.



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