

ORAL INTERPRETATION

The speech program with the largest number of participating schools is the Oral Interpretation Program. Students from participating schools may enter any of seven categories available in the program. The schools are divided into three classes at the State Festival.

Contestants from the Class “B” schools begin competition at the district level. The winners from the Class “B” district contests advance on to a region contest. It is at the regional level that students from Class “A” schools have their initial competition. The winners from the regional level contests go to the State Festival. Class "AA" schools automatically qualify for the State Festival.

Statistics

DISTRICT CONTESTS (“B” SCHOOLS ONLY)

Number of participating schools.....	65
Number of entries	358

REGION CONTESTS (“B” & “A” Schools)

Number of participating “A” schools	40
Number of entries from “A” schools	215
Number of participating “B” schools.....	55
Number of entries from “B” schools	183

STATE FESTIVAL

Number of participating "AA" schools.....	16
Number of entries from "AA" schools.....	99
Number of participating “A” schools	28
Number of entries from “A” schools	103
Number of participating “B” schools	43
Number of entries from “B” schools	102

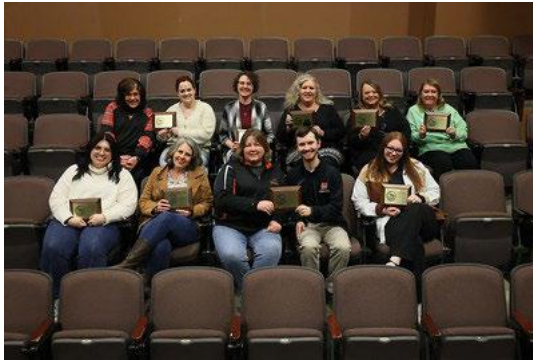
114th ANNUAL STATE ORAL INTERPRETATION FESTIVAL RESULTS

Harrisburg, South Dakota
December 1-2, 2023

The 2023 State Oral Interpretation Festival was held at Harrisburg High School with students from 87 schools competing. During the Festival, the judges awarded 64 superiors to the Class “AA” competitors. The Class “A” competitors received 65 superior awards and Class "B" competitors earned 58 superior ratings.

In addition to the Individual Superior Awards, Team Excellence Award plaques were presented to all schools whose contestants performed with overall excellence. Class “A” and Class “B” schools must achieve at least two Superiors and Class “AA” schools must achieve at least four Superiors to be recognized with a Team Excellence Award. 9 Class "AA" schools, 15 Class “A” schools and 16 Class “B” schools received the Team Excellence Award plaques.

Class “AA” Team Excellence Awards



Brandon Valley	Pierre T.F. Riggs
Huron	Aberdeen Central
Sioux Falls Washington	Sturgis Brown
Sioux Falls Lincoln	Sioux Falls Jefferson
O’Gorman	

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CLASS “AA” INDIVIDUAL SUPERIOR RATINGS

** Indicates Superior With Distinction Rating*

Class “AA: Non-Original Oratory



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Class “AA” Non-Original Oratory

Isaac Mazariegos – Sioux Falls Roosevelt
Khunnaphat Muepae – Huron
Sydnei Heinzen – Aberdeen Central
Jasmin Peitz – Yankton
Finn Bartlett – Brookings
Ian Candy – Brandon Valley
Reese Duncan – Sioux Falls Lincoln
*Paige Lewis – O’Gorman
*Jordyn Richter – Sturgis Brown
*Siyanna Redda – Sioux Falls Washington
*Meidian Hailu – Sioux Falls Jefferson

Class "AA" Humorous



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Class “AA” Humorous Reading

Tessa Gogolin – Huron
Breann Berens – Harrisburg
Alanna Smith – Sioux Falls Washington
Natalie Nolan – Sioux Falls Lincoln
Bella Puetz – O’Gorman
Lucy Secrest – Sturgis Brown
*Ian Candy – Brandon Valley
*Kai Rivera – Sioux Falls Jefferson

Class "AA" Serious Reading



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Eva Reyes - Yankton
Gabriella Dodway - Harrisburg
Cameron Cutshaw - Huron
Bella Reif - Brandon Valley
Chloe Bowers - Pierre T.F. Riggs
Poppy McElroy - Brookings
Laurn Lidel - Sioux Falls Lincoln
Siyanne Redda - Sioux Falls Washington
*Codi Rounds - Sturgis Brown
*Angeth Mayan - Sioux Falls Jefferson

Class "AA" Storytelling



Kennedy Miller - Sioux Falls Roosevelt
Lanie Stulken - Pierre T.F. Riggs
Evelyn Akkerman - Sioux Falls Lincoln
Kaylee Willard - Brandon Valley
Sonny Rader - Watertown
Kyra Rivera - Sioux Falls Jefferson
Jackson Rott - Aberdeen Central
*Garvey Mueller - O'Gorman
*Jenisha Gurung - Sioux Falls Washington

Class "AA" Poetry



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Class "AA" Poetry Reading

Abigail Johnson - Sturgis Brown
Audrey Arend - O'Gorman
Lily Halter - Huron
Harper Reichling - Pierre T.F. Riggs
Knock Compton - Aberdeen Central
Jasmin Peitz - Yankton
Reese Duncan - Sioux Falls Lincoln
*Julia Tinker - Brandon Valley
*Teonna Randle - Sioux Falls Jefferson

Class "AA" Duet



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Class "AA" Duet Interpretation

Samantha Swasnon, Mylie Byrd – Huron
Brooke Peterson, Mya Lloyd – Brandon Valley
Audrey Akkerman, Evelyn Akkerman – SF Lincoln
Kyra Rivera, Ariana Edwards – SF Jefferson
Mattisyn McDonnall, Aidan Ragels – Watertown
*Jonah Astrup, Bella Puetz – O’Gorman

Class “AA” Readers Theatre



Katelin, Larosn, Madi O’Brien, Gabriella Dodway –
Harrisburg
Rebekah Kane, Ariana Edwards, Asher Vandewater,
Meron Yitegasu, Kai Rivera, A.J. Nelson – SF
Jefferson
Gavin Black Bear, Lillie Kellar, Rebekah Seamon,
Lanie Stulken, Ashlyn Pitlick – Pierre T.F. Riggs
Abigail Johnson, Jordyn Richter, Codi Rounds –
Sturgis Brown
Audrey Akkerman, Reese Duncan, Lauryn Lidel,
Natalie Nolan – SF Lincoln
Ian Candy, Kaylee Willard, Lucy Lamont, Bella Reif,
Julia Tinker – Brandon Valley
Damon Sheets, Carmen Huber, Knock Compton,
Mallory Burckhard – Aberdeen Central
Lily Halter, Antony Sorto, Cameron Cutshaw, Tessa
Gogolin – Huron
Siyanne Redda, Jenisha Gurung, Alanna Smith, Yom
Kuol, Alakiir Gak, Savanna Kloster – SF Washington
*Owen Tschetter, Sienna Struck, Jonah Astrup, Bella
Puetz – O’Gorman

CLASS "A" STATE FESTIVAL RESULTS

Class "A" Team Excellence Awards



Aberdeen Roncalli
Little Wound
Estelline
Great Plains Lutheran
Rapid City Christian
Wagner
Madison
Mobridge-Pollock
West Central
Dell Rapids
St. Thomas More
Sioux Valley
Flandreau
Sioux Falls Christian
Beresford

Class "A" – Non-Original Oratory



Benjamin Kulm – Flandreau
Amanda Edwards – Winner
Gabriella Werdel – Miller
Keira Steffen – Milbank
Blaize Larson – Webster
Phoebe Schmaltz – Mobridge-Pollock
Emma Andrews – Beresford
Kadence Weston – Little Wound
Taylor Swarthout – Rapid City Christian
Andie Ingalls – West Central
Gerrit Wolbrink – Sioux Falls Christian

Class "A" Humorous Reading



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Shayne Fritz – Hamlin
Greyson Leins – Great Plains Lutheran
Sarah Ambrose – Rapid City Christian
Jackson Rolston – Wagner
Lyla Thompson – Flandreau
Mical Grace – Custer
Mackenzie Court – Estelline
Max Josko – Beresford
Clayton Willis – Sioux Valley
*Eliot Nielsen – West Central

Class “A” Interpretation of Serious Reading



Jestice High Cat – McLaughlin
 Isabelle Naasz – St. Thomas More
 Calvin Martin – Madison
 Sophia Prostrullo – West Central
 Brenna Nuese – Estelline
 Madisyn Kistler – Dell Rapids

Class A – Poetry Reading



Emily Enga – Aberdeen Roncalli
 Chloe Wolfe – Great Plains Lutheran
 Hannah Engelmann – Sioux Valley
 Luciana Hildring – Sioux Falls Christian
 Elizabeth Roth – Garretson
 Isis Leon Leon – Mobridge-Pollock
 Nikolas Yellow Boy – Little Wound
 Briar Rose – Lead-Deadwood
 Jennifer Barnett – Wagner
 Brenna nuese – Estelline
 BreAnn Heider – West Central
 *Gabi Johnson – St. Thomas More
 *Benjamin Kulm - Flandrea

Class “A” Interpretation of Storytelling



Amelia Duncan – Aberden Roncalli
 Karissa Nolan – Flandreau
 Aroha Clifford – Little Wound
 Donovan Skorbinski – Estelline
 Joe Freeouf – Rapid City Christian
 Hannah Lundgren – Dell Rapids
 Melanie Molengraaf – Sioux Valley
 Niu Niu Zhang – Vermillion
 Elena Andrews - Beresford

Class “A” Duet



Sebastian Rosenthal, Greyson Leins – Great Plains Lutheran
 Calvin Martin, Spencer Reverts – Madison
 Naomi Monroe, Noah Larson – Dell Rapids
 Ethan Mitchel, Stone Loof – West Central
 Lucia Gutenkauf, Anya Unser – Aberdeen Roncalli
 Mackenzie Court, Whitney Court – Estelline
 Sophia Coe, Emma Andrews – Beresford

Class “A” Readers Theatre



Nicole Kruse, Victoria Verhey, William Greene, Ava Barthel, Isabelle Naasz, Gabi Johnson – St. Thomas More
 Katy Dahlberg, Greyson Leins, Sebastian Rosenthal – Great Plains Lutheran
 Trenton Rolston, Macee Stimpson, Presley Slaba, Jackson Rolston, Taya Stone – Wagner
 Lauren Murphy, Ethan Mitchel, Eliot Nielsen, Sophia Prostrollo, Stone Loof, Andie Ingalls – West Central
 Clayton Willis, Hannah Engelmann, Macy Bohnet, Elise Owen, Melanie Molengraaf, Alexis Rust – Sioux Valley
 Kadence Weston, Nikolas Yellow Boy, Natalie Campbell, Ava Young Bear, Malik Eastman – Little Wound
 Mackenzie Court, Whitney Court, Brenna Nuese, Colin Seidell, Donovan Skorbinski – Estelline
 Isabella Russo, Sophia Coe, Isabelle Beeson, Emma Andrews, Max Josko – Beresford
 Karissa Nolan, Isabel Kulm, Abigail Lewis, Lyla Thompson, Ben Kulm, Abe Streitz - Flandreau

CLASS “B” STATE FESTIVAL RESULTS

Class “B” Team Excellence Awards



Rosholt	DeSmet
Ipswich	Henry
Bridgewater-Emery	Chester
Kimball	Northwestern
Freeman	Britton-Hecla
Arlington	Avon
Faulkton	Gregory
James Valley Christian	
Ethan	

Class “B” Non-Original Oratory



Preston Singrey – Arlington
 Reganne Miles – Doland
 Bridget Thomas – Kimball
 Carson Leonhradt – Faulkton
 Thor Aanenson – Freeman
 *Annie Dvorak – Northwestern
 *Anna Mellegaard - Ethan

Alaina Olson – Bridgewater-Emery
 Ava Hartung – Hoven

Class "B" Humorous Readings



Thor Aanenson – Freeman
 Emilie Lindgren – Woonsocket
 Dylan Jenson – Henry
 Brady Muller – Centerville
 Oscar Fink – Bridgewater-Emery
 Everett Misar – Arlington
 Elaina Hohm – James Valley Christian
 Sam Grabowska – Ipswich
 Mia Jaeger - Florence

Class "B" Poetry Reading



Paisley Bray – Britton- Hecla
 Bridgett Lemmel – Faith
 Annie Dvorak – Northwestern
 Madisyn Raymond – Ethan
 Molly Miller – Timber Lake
 Dakota Flanery – Arlington
 Joshua Driesen – Alcester- Hudson
 Emily Williams – Colman-Egan
 Willen Lim - DeSmet

Class "B" Interpretation of Serious Reading



Andee Frandsen – James Valley Christian
 Channing Reiff – Bison
 Alyssa Anderson – Henry
 Lauren Roberts – Chester
 Sam Grabowska – Ipswich
 Sami Pringle – Kimball
 Nevaeh Kee – Faulkton
 *Brenen Brandenburg - Canistota

Class "B" Duet Interpretation



Abby Schnell, Shelby Fortin – Northwestern
 Ashley Tolsma, Kate Swier – Avon
 Piper Bartlett, Madisan Graber – Gregory
 Oliver Moeckly, Jerod Nebriada – Britton-Hecla
 Andee Frandsen, Belle Niederbaumer – James Valley Christian
 Ainsley Breu, Ben Dougan – Chester
 Gannon Mohr, Jaden Thomas - Henry

Class “B” Storytelling



Preston Singrey – Arlington
Brunlee Patterson – Britton- hecla
Joshua Klein – Rosholt
Kate Swier – Avon
Alexis Hogeland – Menno
Leah Aderhold – Castlewood
*Hope Mendel – James Valley Christian
*Claire Mellegaard - Ethan

Class “B” Readers Theatre



Noah Watchorn, Lexi Vanderlei, Jake Namminga,
Ella Hamilton, Hope Kemnitz, Abby 7 - 9 - 7
Gretschmann - Avon
Willem Lim , Payton Botkin , Samuel Gigov –
DeSmet
Alexa Gortmaker, Domaini Butler, Kolter Schmidt,
Kaylee Hernandez, Avery Thomas, Harli Ross –
Marion
Elaina Hohm, Hope Mendel, Jonathan Koel, Ally
Hohm, Emily Schutt – James Valley Christian
Natasha Huppler, Dylan Jenson, Alyssa Anderson –
Henry
Eli Barreto, Kaydence Klein, Mya Determan, Cindy
Khuu, Cruz Klundt - Gregory
Lainey Uttecht, Kate Hamilton, Kelsie Roberts,
Peyton Kemnitz, Colin Hughes, Moshe Richmond –
Wolsey-Wessington
Madison Pohl, Emma Shelstad, Alexis Vermillion -
Rosholt