

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	38
Number of entries from “A” schools	210
Number of participating “B” schools.....	57
Number of entries from “B” schools	187

STATE FESTIVAL

Number of participating "AA" schools.....	15
Number of entries from "AA" schools.....	94
Number of participating “A” schools	28
Number of entries from “A” schools	104
Number of participating “B” schools	45
Number of entries from “B” schools	97

115th ANNUAL STATE ORAL INTERPRETATION FESTIVAL RESULTS

**Sturgis, South Dakota
December 6-7, 2024**

The 2024 State Oral Interpretation Festival was held at Sturgis Brown High School with students from 88 schools competing. During the Festival, the judges awarded 67 superiors to the Class “AA” competitors. The Class “A” competitors received 74 superior awards and Class "B" competitors earned 68 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, 20 Class “A” schools and 17 Class “B” schools received the Team Excellence Award plaques.

Class “AA” Team Excellence Awards



Brandon Valley	Pierre T.F. Riggs
Sioux Falls Washington	Harrisburg
Sioux Falls Lincoln	Sioux Falls Jefferson
O’Gorman	Brookings
Watertown	

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CLASS “AA” INDIVIDUAL SUPERIOR RATINGS * Indicates Superior With Distinction Rating

Class “AA: Non-Original Oratory



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Katelyn Christopherson	Harrisburg
Isabella Gibson	Brandon Valley
Chloe Bowers	Pierre T.F. Riggs
Damien Deen	Sioux Falls Washington
Finn Bartlett	Brookings
Meridian Hailu	Sioux Falls Jefferson

Class "AA" Humorous



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Breann Berens	Harrisburg
Kairie Rivera (Kai)	Sioux Falls Jefferson
Brody Miller	Tea Area
Noah Harrell	Yankton
MacKennzie Anderson	Brookings
Aaron Gray	Sturgis Brown
Julia Tinker	Brandon Valley
Adem Ballew	Pierre T.F. Riggs
Jackson Klawonn	Sioux Falls Lincoln
Damien Deen	Sioux Falls Washington
Blixa Broussard	Rapid City Stevens
Owen Tschetter	O’Gorman

Class "AA" Serious Reading



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Taylor Tullar	Aberdeen Central
Poppy McElroy	Brookings
Bella Reif	Brandon Valley
Euana Matute	Rapid City Stevens
Kyra Rivera	Sioux Falls Jefferson
Lily Simonich	Harrisburg
Annan Musa	Sioux Falls Washington

Class "AA" Storytelling



Lauren Huber	Sioux Falls Lincoln
Catherine Michna	Brookings
Brooke Peterson	Brandon Valley
Lanie Stulken	Pierre T.F. Riggs
Ella Cambier	Tea Area
Kian Leyro	Harrisburg
Kairie "Kai" Rivera	Sioux Falls Jefferson
Isaac Solomon	O'Gorman
Sonny Rader	Watertown
Annan Musa	Sioux Falls Washington

Class "AA" Poetry



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Jessica Martin	Brookings
James Hitzemann	Tea Area
Wynter Thomason	Sturgis Brown
Olivia Hulscher	Sioux Falls Washington
Josie Althoff	Watertown
Harper Reichling	Pierre T.F. Riggs
Sarah Jenson	Harrisburg
Kaci Buckneberg	Sioux Falls Lincoln
Lily Halter	Huron
Julia Tinker	Brandon Valley
Teonna Randle	Sioux Falls Jefferson
Conner Brunick	Yankton
Adud Arop	O'Gorman

Class "AA" Duet



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Class "AA" Duet Interpretation

Nevaeh Hintz, Clare Overby	Brookings
Folomaina David, Adriana David	Sioux Falls
Washington	
Lanie Stulken, Maren Houdyshell	Pierre T.F. Riggs
Jackson Klawonn, Kaci Buckneberg	Sioux Falls
Lincoln	
Jasper Longoria, Kyle Duarte	Aberdeen Central
Meridian Hailu, Teonna Randle	Sioux Falls
Jefferson	
Bella Reif, Ellie Sershen	Brandon Valley
David Lechner, Tysen Canfield	Watertown
Isaac Solomon, Kaylee Hulme	O'Gorman

Class "AA" Readers Theatre



Kian Leyro, Katelin Larson, Madison O'Brien, Layla Nelson, Breann Berens, Harrisburg
 Sydnei Heinzen, Joey Johnson, Hayden Magee, Faith Waldner, Aberdeen Central
 Blixa Broussard, Mason Schumacher, Asher Homa, James Birch, Rhett Miller, Spenser Harris Rapid City Stevens
 David Lechner, Josie Althoff, Tysen Canfield, Taryn Koehn, Silas Masar, Olivia Strandell Watertown
 Bella Reif, Julia Tinker, Olaf Lindquist, Ellie Sershen, Brandon Valley
 Lily Halter, Isabella Schafer, Keara Gabriel, Landon Pomerico, Henry Van Scharrel, Charlie Bragg Huron
 Teonna Randle, Meridian Hailu, Kyra Rivera, Kairie "Kai" Rivera, Edom Hiruy, Elise Klein Sioux Falls Jefferson
 Chloe Bowers, Maren Houdyshell, Lanie Stulken, Harper Reichling, Lillie Kellar, Pierre T.F. Riggs
 Damien Deen, Olivia Hulscher, Kenzynique Wilson, Khady Diaw, Annan Musa, Rakiya Stocklin Sioux Falls Washington
 Jacob Thomas, Sofia Izaguirre, Owen Tschetter, Isaac Solomon, Adud Arop, Kaylee Hulme O'Gorman

CLASS "A" STATE FESTIVAL RESULTS

Class "A" Team Excellence Awards



Beresford
Madison
Vermillion
Little Wound
Britton-Hecla
Bon Homme
Lead-Deadwood
Stanley County
St. Thomas More
Deuel
Aberdeen Roncalli
Rapid City Christian
Dell Rapids
Flandreau
Great Plains Lutheran
West Central
Milbank
Sioux Falls Christian
Wagner
Mobridge-Pollock

Class "A" – Non-Original Oratory



Delilah Maxwell Madison
Adley Scheuerman Bon Homme
Gabriel Mattson Deuel
Carlos Olivares Zuniga Milbank
Oliver Moeckly Britton-Hecla
Sam Powers Great Plains Lutheran
Laney Andrews Beresford
Jaida Jacobs Little Wound
Abigail Lewis Flandreau
Abigail Ondricek Sioux Falls Christian
Taylor Swarthout Rapid City Christian
Andie Ingalls West Central

Class "A" Humorous Reading



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Edward Zachrison Stanley County
Blaize Larson Webster Area
Ava Barthel St. Thomas More
Miles Decker Deuel
Greyson Leins Great Plains Lutheran
Jackson Rolston Wagner
Taylor Cain West Central
Nathan Rayhons Sioux Falls Christian
Max Josko Beresford

Class "A" Interpretation of Serious Reading



Sienna Martinell	Deuel
Isla Hennings	Madison
Emily Hanson	Stanley County
Trixie Coalter	Milbank
Malik Eastman	Little Wound
Sophia Prostrullo	West Central
Isabella Russo	Beresford
Lauren Wimmer	Sioux Falls Christian
Anderson Frandsen	Hill City
Isabelle Naasz	St. Thomas More

Class A – Poetry Reading



Liz Powers	Sioux Falls Christian
Toree Mosel	Chamberlain
Isis Leon Leon	Mobridge-Pollock
Katelyn Oyen	Vermillion
Briar Rose	Lead-Deadwood
Paislee Dammer	Dell Rapids
BreAnn Heider	West Central
Aili Leonardi	Hamlin
Makenna Allen	Custer
JayLynn Makert	Madison
Gabi Johnson	St. Thomas More

Class "A" Interpretation of Storytelling



Dylan Vincent	Lead-Deadwood
Hannah Lundgren	Dell Rapids
Melanie Molengraaf	Sioux Valley
Breece Slade	Bon Homme
Rylee Cawley	West Central
Amelia Duncan	Aberdeen Roncalli
Joe Freeouf	Rapid City Christian
Benjamin Kulm	Flandreau
Presley Slaba	Wagner
Toryn Kooima	Sioux Falls Christian
Juliet Josko	Beresford
Catie Naber	Vermillion

Class "A" Duet



Loius McBride IV, Quade Levaldo	Little Wound
Reese Hejna, Olivia Kaul	Bon Homme
Ava Barthel, Isabelle Naasz	St. Thomas More
Sophia Overland, Mystic Erickson	Mobridge-Pollock
Noah Larson, Charlie Prasek	Dell Rapids
Greyson Leins, Katy Dahlberg	Great Plains
Lutheran	
JayLynn Makert, Isla Hennings	Madison
Isabelle Beeson, Sophia Coe	Beresford
Oliver Moeckly, Jerod Nebida	Britton-Hecla
Abe Streitz, Benjamin Kulm	Flandreau
Stone Loof, Austin Skrovig	West Central
Claire Jensen, Nathan Rayhons	Sioux Falls
Christian	

Class "A" Readers Theatre



Elise Gammeter, Claire Jensen, Lauren Wimmer, Lizzy Ellis, Margaret Vogel, Sioux Falls Christian
 Anya Unser, Lucia Gutenkauf, Amelia Duncan, Aberdeen Roncalli
 Taylor Swarthout, Tenley Joswiak, Joe Freeouf, Noah Fiester, Maeli Fiester, Anneka Rolfes Rapid City Christian
 Katy Dahlberg, Greyson Leins, Miriam Jarcik, Great Plains Lutheran
 Stone Loof, Andie Ingalls, Sophia Prostrullo, BreAnn Heider, Mason Kennedy, Taylor Cain West Central
 Malik Eastman, Devon Brown, Nikolas Yellow Boy, Charlee Apple, Little Wound
 Abe Streitz, Isabel Kulm, Abigail Lewis, Jillian Knippling, Benjamin Kulm, Flandreau
 Emma Andrews, Max Josko, Sophia Coe, Isabelle Beeson, Isabella Russo, Beresford

CLASS "B" STATE FESTIVAL RESULTS

Class "B" Team Excellence Awards



Kimball
 Avon
 Gregory
 Mitchell Christian
 Ethan
 Estelline
 Woonsocket
 Chester Area
 Lemmon
 De Smet
 Canistota
 James Valley Christian
 Northwestern
 Florence
 Arlington
 Castlewood
 Freeman

Class "B" Non-Original Oratory



Audri Hohm	James Valley Christian
Abigail Schnell	Northwestern
Preston Singrey	Arlington
Erica Cahoy	Avon
Will Penfield	Lemmon
Thor Aanenson	Freeman
Morgan Demery	Faulton Area
Andreea Filippov	Summit

Class "B" Humorous Readings



Coltyn Raymond	Ethan
Mia Jaeger	Florence
Lila Besler	Bison
Megan Geraets	Dell Rapids St. Mary
Jace Fernandez	Kadoka Area
Liam McCartney	Lemmon
Thor Aanenson	Freeman
Oscar Fink	Bridgewater-Emery
Dylan Jensen	Henry
Bridgette Horn	Castlewood
Mackenzie Court	Estelline
Annie Dvorak	Northwestern

Class "B" Interpretation of Serious Reading



Emerson Siebersma	Arlington
Vienna DeWitt	Mitchell Christian
Andie Aughenbaugh	Woonsocket
Ainsley Breu	Chester Area
Laura Robinson	Warner
Ervin Schrock	Menno
Brenen Brandenburg	Canistota
Shelbey Fortin	Northwestern
Samantha Pringle	Kimball
George Timanus	Gregory
Sophia Gigov	De Smet
Jestice High Cat	McLaughlin

Class "B" Poetry Reading



Elizabeth Meyer	Waverly-South Shore
Samuel Gigov	De Smet
Sadie McCorkle	Colman-Egan
Melody Olugbenga	Faith
Makayla Strong	Mitchell Christian
Belle Niederbaumer	James Valley Christian
Duncan Sharples-Schmidt	Irene-Wakonda
Malachi Weber	Canistota

Class "B" Duet Interpretation



Piper Bartlett, Madi Graber	Gregory
Max Anderson, Will Penfield	Lemmon
Kimber Rasmussen, Delilah Rasmussen	Kimball
Harlee Guindon, Sadie Schurz	Plankinton
McKenzie Baruth, Oscar Anderson	Woonsocket
Abigail Schnell, Shelbey Fortin	Northwestern
Brinlee Smith, Syndil Radio	Viborg-Hurley
Owen Kopfmann, Denairic Lieber	Mitchell
Christian	
Natalie Moore, Olivia Moore	Alcester-Hudson
Samuel Gigov, Sophia Gigov	De Smet
Mackenzie Court, Whitney Court	Estelline
Mia Jaeger, Aleah Jaeger	Florence
Abby Gretschmann, Ella Hamilton	Avon

Class “B” Storytelling



Allie Hoekman	Northwestern
Kate Swier	Avon
Harli Ross	Marion
Aleah Jaeger	Florence
Leah Aderhold	Castlewood
Anna Mellegaard	Ethan

Class “B” Readers Theatre



Moshe Richmond, Keaton Zomer, Caleb Richmond,
 Ashton Hill, Colin Hughes, Wolsey-Wessington
 Cruz Klundt, Dani Timanus, Madi Graber, Bo
 Brozik, Ella Sperl, Gregory
 Cali Vanden Hoek, Max Vanden Hoek, Tanner
 Bartelt, Jaxson Muck, Peyton Denning, Jett Kemp
 Corsica-Stickney
 Taylyn Rausch, Addison Griesse, Alyssa Kaup, Ava
 Hartung, Ava Griesse, Hoven
 Ainsley Breu, Ivy Moyer, Maci Hahn, Chester Area
 Madelyn Anderson, Jada Buse, Arianne Fink,
 Armando Miller, Benjamin Clark, Jax Kaufman
 Freeman Academy
 Leah Aderhold, Kaden Davis, Bridgette Horn, Lilly
 Jacobson, Gabrielle Raasch, Kezia Mullen
 Castlewood
 Madisen Pohl, Emma Shelstad, Lexi Vermillion,
 Rosholt
 Mackenzie Court, Whitney Court, Sydney Court,
 Colin Seidell, Lita Fryer, Estelline