

TENTH ANNUAL
Nevada Poetry Out Loud Recitation Competition
STATE FINALS



POETRY
OUT LOUD

March 14, 2015 Noon–3 pm
Siena Hotel Spa Casino • Reno

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Nevada Alliance for Arts Education, Nevada Department of Education, Sierra Arts Foundation,
National Endowment for the Arts and The Poetry Foundation

POETRY OUT LOUD



Greetings:

Welcome to the 10th Nevada Poetry Out Loud State Finals. This year's Poetry Out Loud Program included almost 3,200 Nevada students from across the state, and today we recognize the outstanding semi-finalists who will compete for a chance to represent Nevada at the Poetry Out Loud National Finals.

In my role as Nevada's Superintendent of Public Instruction, I recognize the value of poetry as it relates to literacy - the sole foundation for all learning. The ability to effectively read, write, speak, and listen ultimately becomes the primary factor for determining one's overall success in life, no matter what profession one chooses. The spoken words of poetry are a part of this foundation.

As the prior Director of Nevada's Department of Museums, Library and Arts, I appreciate the value of poetry as a literary art and applaud the students who are here today to bring this art form to life. Literary art reflects the human condition in so many ways and often gives us a window into worlds we can only imagine.

I want to acknowledge the educators and families who have supported the success of all the student competitors in Nevada this year. In addition, I thank the many individuals and organizations that have made this year's Poetry Out Loud Program possible. Education and the arts are both community endeavors; we are lucky to have such support here in the Silver State.

The Nevada Department of Education is dedicated to ensuring that all Nevada students, educators and families are ready for the new demands and challenges that face our students as they prepare for college and careers. Our efforts are bolstered by community partners like the organizations sponsoring this year's competition: NV Energy Foundation, KNPB, Carson City Square, Siena Hotel, Poetry Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Sierra Arts Foundation, the Nevada Arts Council and the Nevada Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs.

I hope you enjoy this year's program. I congratulate the students who are competing today, and I am honored to be asked to participate in this event.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Rob Ahlquist'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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2015 NEVADA POETRY OUT LOUD STATE FINALS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

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FEATURING STUDENTS FROM

Clark County	Mineral County
Douglas County	Nevada Virtual
Elko County	Nye County
Humboldt County	Pershing County
Lincoln County	Storey County
Lyon County	Washoe County
White Pine County	

2015 Nevada Poetry Out Loud State Final

WELCOME

Susan Boskoff, Executive Director, Nevada Arts Council

COMMENTS

Eleanor Billington, Program Manager, Literature & Arts Education Division,
National Endowment for the Arts

KEYNOTE

Dale Erquiaga, Superintendent of Public Instruction,
Nevada Department of Education

MASTER OF CEREMONIES | INTRODUCTION OF JUDGES AND STUDENTS

Tim Jones, President, Nevada Alliance for Arts Education

Round 1

1. Storey
2. Nevada Virtual
3. Lincoln
4. Washoe
5. Elko
6. Pershing
7. Mineral
8. Clark
9. Nye
10. White Pine
11. Lyon
12. Douglas
13. Humboldt

Round 2

1. Clark
2. Nye
3. Mineral
4. Humboldt
5. White Pine
6. Douglas
7. Nevada Virtual
8. Elko
9. Storey
10. Lyon
11. Lincoln
12. Washoe
13. Pershing

Round 3

Top three finalists

READING

Katharine Coles – Poet

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Eleanor Billington and Jake Reid, 2007 Nevada Poetry Out Loud State Champion

FINAL COMMENTS

Tim Jones

RECEPTION

All are invited!



Nevada Poetry Out Loud— Celebrating its 10th Anniversary

“...In the hands of the poet, our everyday speech becomes a musical instrument.”

—JOHN BARR, FORMER PRESIDENT, POETRY FOUNDATION

2015 NEVADA POETRY OUT LOUD PROGRAM

One of the first states to offer Poetry Out Loud on a statewide basis in 2005, Nevada has experienced exponential growth in program participation since the first year, when 200 students, coaches, teachers and parents were involved. This year, Poetry Out Loud engaged nearly 3,200 students, 53 teachers and 34 schools across the state. Now that's poetry power!

The literary arts have always been a figure in the western landscape, so it is no surprise that the Nevada Poetry Out Loud (POL) Program continues to power up enthusiasm and excitement.

Structured similarly to the National Spelling Bee, POL begins in communities throughout the state as high school-aged students in public, private, charter and home schools master public-speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about their literary heritage through the memorization of selected poems from an anthology of more than 800 classic and contemporary poetry.

After school and district competitions, semi-finalists compete at the Nevada State Finals where the stakes are high. The Nevada POL State Champion receives \$1,000 and \$1,000 for his or her school to support literary programs, and travels to Washington, D.C. to compete for \$50,000 in scholarships and school prizes at the National Finals. Those placing second and third place at the Nevada State Finals each receive \$500, and \$500 for his or her school.

POWERING UP POETRY!

Thanks to generous support from NV Energy Foundation, district semi-finals continued in Nevada's rural counties, which insured that during its 10th Anniversary year, POL remained a statewide program for all high-school aged students.

NV Energy Foundation's sponsorship will also support the fourth year of *Powering Up Poetry: Poets in Residence* – an initiative designed to connect published poet/educators with students and teachers in rural communities that don't often have the opportunity to experience artist residencies. During the 2014 *Powering Up Poetry* residencies, poets Paul Zarzyski, Krista Lukas, Randy Rieman and Carolyn Dufurrena worked with 300 students and 23 teachers in three high schools, one middle school and one K-12 school in Gardnerville, Ely, Eureka and Austin, as well as at the Western Folklife Center during the 2014 National Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko.

2015 POETRY OUT LOUD NATIONAL FINALS

Across the nation, more than 365,000 students, 2,300 schools and 9,000 teachers are participating in Poetry Out Loud. Nevada's State Champion and his/her chaperone travel to Washington, D.C. to vie against extraordinary competitors from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico at the National Finals on April 27–29. Finalists attend a number of events while in the nation's capital city, with the final competition hosted by Lisner Auditorium on the campus of George Washington University. All rounds of the National Finals will be webcast live at arts.gov.

Poems + Poets

Each student is required to prepare three poems for recitation at the Nevada State Poetry Out Loud Finals that have been selected from an anthology prepared by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation. The poems chosen by each student are listed below in the order in which they will recite them. Deciding

on the recitation order is a strategic decision that the students must make prior to the State Finals. Each student will recite one poem in Round 1 and one poem in Round 2. Only three students will advance to Round 3, where they will recite the third poem.

CLARK | Dylan Baker

My Prime of Youth is but a Frost of Cares

by Chidiok Tichborne

Bright Copper Kettles by Vijay Seshardi

The Larger by Joanie Mackowski

DOUGLAS | Dominique Groffman

Planetarium by Adrienne Rich

To Live With a Landscape by Constance Urdang

[*'Often rebuked, yet always back returning'*]

by Emily Bronte

ELKO | Destany Little Sky Pete

Revenge by Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Do Not! by Stevie Smith

Abandoned Farmhouse by Ted Kooser

HUMBOLDT | Tanner Ames

The Arrow and the Song by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Much Madness is divinest Sense by Emily Dickinson

Thou Art My Lute by Paul Laurence Dunbar

LINCOLN | Elizabeth Gloeckner

Echo by Christina Rossetti

Happiness by Paisley Rekdal

Over the Roofs by Sara Teasdale

LYON | Gabrielle Hunt

Israfil by Edgar Allan Poe

After working sixty hours again for what reason

by Bob Hicok

The Nail by C.K. Williams

MINERAL | Julie Sanchez

So We'll Go No More a Roving by Lord Byron

A Thank You Note by Michael Ryan

Silence by Thomas Hood

NEVADA VIRTUAL ACADEMY | Victoria Young

The Conqueror Worm by Edgar Allan Poe

The Chimney Sweeper: When my mother died

I was very young by William Blake

The True-Blue American by Delmore Schwartz

NYE | Sinai Hernandez

Testimonial by Rita Dove

God's Grandeur by Gerard Manley Hopkins

Dirge in Woods by George Meredith

PERSHING | Loree Brimage

A fixed Idea by Amy Lowell

Catch a Little Rhyme by Eve Merriam

The Arrow and the Song by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

STOREY | Darby Beckwith

Abandoned Farmhouse by Ted Kooser

The Glories of Our Blood and State by James Shirley

Numbers by Mary Cornish

WASHOE | Whitney Reyes

Cartoon Physics: Part 1 by Nick Flynn

The Canonization by John Donne

Famous by Naomi Shihab Nye

WHITE PINE | Montana Hart

Trees by Joyce Kilmer

Harlem by Langston Hughes

We Wear the Mask by Paul Laurence Dunbar

CLARK COUNTY

Dylan Baker

Senior

*College of Southern Nevada
High School West*

Karen Diamond, Principal



Dylan Baker was born and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada. Dylan has always had a passion for the arts, whether dancing, singing or acting. A student at the College of Southern Nevada High School West, taking both high school and college classes, Dylan fell in love with poetry. She was nervous but excited to represent her high school at the Poetry Out Loud District Semi-Finals, and is thrilled to recite poetry at the Nevada State Finals. When her head is not in the books, Dylan does volunteer work, is an active member of the student council, plays roller derby and performs. Dylan will be attending Portland State University, majoring in Kinesiology and minoring in Journalism. She hopes to receive a doctorate degree and open up her own physical therapy center to help rehabilitate those in need. Dylan thanks her father, Steven Baker, and teacher, Serrin Anderson.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

Dominique Groffman

Senior

Douglas High School

Marty Swisher, Principal



Dominique Groffman was born and raised in Minden, Nevada, where she has spent the past 18 years skiing, stargazing and hiking. Along with 4-H, ceramics, and her work as a backstage technician for the Wild Horse Children's Theater, Dominique is involved in Douglas High School's Speech and Debate team, Drama Club, French Club, Art Club and Ski Team. She is hoping to get accepted into a competitive university next fall, and intends to study cellular biology and art. Dominique would like to thank her family, friends, and supportive teachers for all that they do. Keep on dreaming and doing! Dominique would like to thank her family (parents Anne Jeton and Louis Groffman), friends and supportive teachers (Karen Heine) for all that they do.

ELKO COUNTY

Destany Little Sky Pete

Freshman

Owyhee High School

Lynn Manning-John, Principal



Destany Little Sky Pete is a freshman at Owyhee High School in Elko County, and is a proud member of the Shoshone Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley. Like many high school students, Destany participates in high school athletics including volleyball, basketball and track. She is also an officer in the local chapter of Future Farmers of America and the American Indian Scouting Association. Infatuated with all kinds of critters, Destany is currently engaged in the research of the relocation of beaver families to mountain streams. She is passionate about the Shoshone Paiute Tribes oral history; her favorite story – *How Beaver Taught Salmon to Jump*. Destany thanks her parents, Barbara and Kenny Pete, and her teacher, Kathy Olson.

Finalists

HUMBOLDT COUNTY

Tanner Ames
Sophomore
Albert Lowry High School
Ray Parks, Principal



Tanner Dominick Ames was born and raised in the town of Winnemucca, Nevada. A sophomore at Albert Lowry High School, Tanner is taking advanced junior classes. His true passion are the visual arts, music and literature. Tanner plays the clarinet in the concert and pep band, and tenor saxophone for jazz band. A member of two honor bands and the honor choir, Tanner's goal is to participate in All-State. Tanner believes that life is really fun and he would like to thank those around him for it, especially the Lowry High School Swing choir, his parents, and those in the poetry club, Psyche.

LINCOLN COUNTY

Elizabeth Gloeckner
Junior
Lincoln County High School
Marty Soderborg, Principal



Elizabeth (aka Lizzy) Gloeckner was born February 13, 1998 in Las Vegas, Nevada. She lived in Las Vegas until she was in the third grade and then moved to Caliente, Nevada. She is part of a large family. Lizzy is a 4.0 student and is in the Honor Roll Society. She is involved in dance and drama, and enjoys writing short stories and poems. Lizzy would like to thank Pete Peterson, her Director, and her parents, Anna and Mark Gloeckner, for all their support.

LYON COUNTY

Gabrielle Hunt
Freshmen
Yerington High School
Duane Mattice, Principal



Gabrielle Hunt was born in Utah on October 24, 1999. She moved to Nevada in 2000 and has lived in Yerington since 2003. A freshman at Yerington High School, Gabrielle is involved in the Student Senate, Stand Tall, Drama, Academic Olympics and band. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, writing, swimming and hiking. She looks forward to attending college, with plans to become an engineer and an author. Gabrielle would like to thank her parents, Todd and Kaylene Hunt, and her English teacher, Amanda Aldridge.

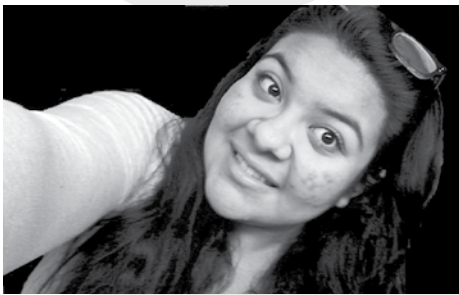
MINERAL COUNTY

Julie Sanchez

Junior

Mineral County High School

Michael Domgala, Principal



Julie Sanchez was born on March 28, 1998 in Inglewood, California. She moved to Hawthorne, Nevada in the first grade. She is an honor student involved in National Honor Society, Science Club, Academic Olympics, and plays bass clarinet for the varsity band. Julie has participated in Poetry Out Loud for three years on the district level. This is her first time to experience the Nevada State Finals, and she is excited to be part of the Tenth Anniversary of Poetry Out Loud. Julie thanks her mother, Rosa Hernandez, her sister, Erika Sanchez, her brother-in-law, Nick Toninato, and her teacher, Jeannie Jepson.

NEVADA STATEWIDE VIRTUAL

Victoria Young

Sophomore

Nevada Virtual Academy

Orlando Dos Santos, Principal



Victoria Frances Young is a tenth grade student at Nevada Virtual Academy. She is an accomplished pianist and composer, and has performed in Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center. She received the Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist Award in conjunction with her performance on Nevada Public Radio's *From the Top*. She toured Southeast Asia last year and performed in Jakarta, Indonesia, for the U.S. Embassy's cultural center. Victoria's dream is to spread the passion of music to audiences worldwide, especially to youth. Passionate about writing and reciting poetry, she is currently a Jack Kent Cooke Young Scholar. Victoria would like to thank her acting club teachers, Cornell Nemes, Carla Worden and James Dilworth; her mother, BeeLee Young; her grandmother, Goh Soon Wah; and her friends, Lorelle Nelson, Lance Davis and Maggie Chen.

NYE COUNTY

Sinai Hernandez

Senior

Beatty High School

Gary Flood, Principal



Sinai Hernandez was born on April 20, 1997. She is the third of three daughters and has a younger brother. Her hobbies include playing sports and reading. She aspires to receive a degree in Electrical Systems Technology at Great Basin College in an accelerated one year program. Sinai wishes to thank her English teacher Mrs. Mary Beth Aragon, and all the teachers at Beatty High School. She would also like to thank her parents, Teodora Bermudez and Alonso Hernandez; and her friend, Rocio Cementel for all of their support and help.

Finalists

PERSHING COUNTY

Loree Brimage

Sophomore

Pershing County High School

Russell Fecht, Principal



Loree Brimage was born in Fallon, Nevada and was raised in Lovelock. She is a Pershing County High School sophomore with strong academics. Being successful is Loree's goal, and she strives to have a simple life. Her hobbies include drawing, hanging out with friends, managing the basketball team and reading. Loree would like to thank her teacher, Julie Terry, and her mom, Jill Brimage.

STOREY COUNTY

Darby Beckwith

Senior

Virginia City High School

Ric Schrank, Principal



Darby Beckwith is a senior at Virginia City High School. She has three sisters and one brother, so life is never boring. This is her first year competing in Poetry Out Loud, but she's no stranger to the stage – Darby will be pursuing a musical theatre degree in college. She is currently playing Belle in *Beauty and the Beast* and Toffee in *Zombie Prom*. This performance is dedicated to her beloved grandfathers, Dennis White and Harold "Pat" Beckwith. Hockadoo! Darby would like to thank her parents, Patrick and Paige Beckwith, her English teachers, Kristen Scott and Chris Prater, and her two friends, Mariah and Devon.

WASHOE COUNTY

Whitney Reyes

Junior

Wooster High School

Leah Keuscher, Principal



Whitney 'Iniki Kalale'ale'a Davelyn Reyes was born on December 13, 1997 and raised on the island of Maui. She has a passion for poetry and food. Her childhood on Maui offered her many experiences. But the biggest experience of her life happened when she moved to Reno, Nevada. Though it was difficult to acclimate to the mainland, moving was the greatest decision of her life. Whitney attends Wooster High School, and is currently the founder of the Spoken Word Poetry Club on campus. She would like to thank her teachers, Mary Jane Ubando and Wes Reid, and her supportive family.

Montana Hart

White Pine High School

Montana Hart is a senior at White Pine High School. Poetry Out Loud was never of any interest to her, but she thought she would try it. She enjoys life, loves living it to the fullest, and is always trying new things. Volleyball has been her passion since the fifth grade. She has been a member of the White Pine High School volleyball team all four years of high school. Montana has also played basketball, softball, gymnastics, drama, and has been in Student Council for six years. Her goal is to excel academically the way she excels in her extracurricular activities. Montana is very excited to participate in the Nevada States Finals because it's something new. Montana would like to thank her teachers, Kelly Sturgeon and Kathryn Tucker, and her parents, Brandy and Kevin Hart.

Master of Ceremonies

TIM JONES

This is Tim Jones' 10th year as emcee of the *Nevada Poetry Out Loud State Finals*. Jones completed three terms on the Board of the Nevada Arts Council (2001–2013), serving as chair for the latter six years. His arts advocacy work continues today on the federal, state and local levels. Tim's nearly 30-year career (1980–2009) at the University of Nevada, Reno, was highlighted by his leadership in the development of public radio station KUNR. As Director of University Arts (Emeritus) from 1994–2004, he worked with campus arts colleagues to prepare the foundation for the university's School of the Arts. Jones is a co-founder of Reno's nationally-recognized, month-long Artown festival. He developed several of the festival's programming concepts, including the award-winning "Discover the Arts" hands-on series for children. He is the author of *"The Work of Art: Creativity and the Work Ethic,"* (Black Rock Press) and currently serves as a consultant, writer and producer for a public television series based on his book. He received the 2010 Arts Advocacy Award from the National Association of Counties. Jones is currently President of the Nevada Alliance for Arts Education, a statewide arts advocacy and arts education organization, and serves on the Board of the Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts in Reno.

Judges

CALEB S. CAGE

Caleb S. Cage is the Director of Military and Veterans Policy for the Office of Governor Brian Sandoval. Cage is also a writer in Reno, Nevada. He is co-author of the book *The Gods of Diyala: Transfer of Command in Iraq*, and founding editor of *The Nevada Review*. Cage's essays and fiction have appeared in *War, Literature, and the Arts*, *the Red Rock Review*, *High Desert News*, among many other anthologies and collections.

KATHARINE COLES

Poet, novelist, and editor Katharine Coles has received numerous honors for her work, including a term as Utah's poet laureate from 2006 to 2012, both a fellowship and a New Forms Project grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, a PEN New Writer's Award, and an Antarctic Artists and Writers Grant from the National Science Foundation, among others. Coles is the author of five collections of poetry, including *The Golden Years of the Fourth Dimension*, a Utah Book Award winner, and *The Earth Is Not Flat*, written under the auspices of the National Science Foundation's Antarctic Artists and Writers Program. Her sixth collection, *Flight*, is due out in 2016. She is also the author of the novels *Fire Season* and *The Measurable World*. As the inaugural director of the Harriet Monroe Poetry Institute in 2009 and 2010, Coles edited the anthology *Blueprints: Bringing Poetry into Communities* and the reports *Poetry & New Media: A Users' Guide* and *Code of Best Practices in Fair Use for Poetry*. A professor at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, Coles has directed the Creative Writing Program, co-directed the Utah Symposium in Science and Literature with mathematician and biologist Fred Alder, and served as series editor for the University Press's Agha Shahid Ali Poetry Book Award. She earned a BA at the University of Washington, an MA at the University of Houston and a PhD at the University of Utah.

GEORGE PERREAULT

George Perreault currently specializes in the area of educational law. Prior to moving to Nevada, he served as a principal and superintendent in Florida and New Mexico, as well as on the faculty of New Mexico Highlands University, Gonzaga University, and East Carolina University. Professor Perreault has published numerous professional articles and has authored or coauthored seven books, most recently *Social justice, competition, and quality: 21st century leadership challenges* (2012). In addition to his own scholarly work, he currently serves on the editorial board of three national journals. His writings and poetry have been published in numerous periodicals in the United States and Canada, including: *Arts & Letters*, *The Fiddlehead*, *Greenfield Review*, *High Plains Literary Review*, *Journal of American Culture*, *Montana Review*, *Multicultural Education*, *Northwest Review*, *New Mexico Humanities Review*, *Puerto Del Sol*, *Rocky Mountain Review of Language & Literature*, *San Marcos Review*, *Shenandoah*, *Worcester Review*, and *Yankee*.

ELLIS RICE

For more than three decades, Ellis Rice has worked in the arts in communities across the United States – as a stage director, production manager, actor, singer, pianist, storyteller, poet, programmer, presenter, administrator, teacher, stage technician and videographer. Rice retired from his position as a Cultural Supervisor for the City of Las Vegas–Cultural Affairs Division, where he served from 1996 until 2012. He began as a Cultural Activities Specialist at the West Las Vegas Arts Center. As the center’s programmer, Rice was instrumental in developing “The Poets Corner,” as part of the “Language and Literature Through the Black Experience” series, a year-long program funded in part by the Nevada Humanities. “The Poets Corner” is currently Las Vegas’ longest running open mic poetry reading series. Rice is owner and director of Blusoul Arts Continuum Productions and Studio, a creative arts company, which produces and presents live music and theatre performances, lectures and workshops.

KAREN ROSS

Karen Ross is Community Relations Manager for NV Energy in northern Nevada. Employed by NV Energy for 29 years, Ross has held positions as diverse as construction project manager, contract negotiator and mining account manager. For the past 18 years, she has guided NV Energy’s corporate citizenship role within the diverse communities it serves throughout northern Nevada. She oversees charitable giving, employee volunteer programs and community support programs that meet the needs of a broad array of stakeholders. An alumnus of Leadership Reno-Sparks, Ross was honored in 2005 as a Truckee Meadows Tomorrow “Sustaining Star” for her efforts in leading and participating in community quality of life initiatives. In 2005, the Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada honored her as a Woman in Leadership, and in 1995 Ross was recognized by the Nevada Women’s Fund as a Woman of Achievement.

Accuracy Judge

PATRICIA A. ATKINSON

Pat Atkinson joined the Nevada Arts Council as the Folklife Program Coordinator in December 2007. Trained at UCLA in English and Folklore Studies, Atkinson has been a professional folklorist, arts administrator, cultural consultant, writer/editor, educator and interpretive specialist for more than three decades. As a trainer and peer advisor, she has provided consulting and training programs to traditional artists, community groups, non-profit organizations and folklore associations in more than a dozen states. Atkinson is active as a program and project evaluator, sitting on advisory and grants review panels for the National Endowment for the Arts, the Southern Arts Federation, and state arts councils in Idaho, Illinois, Oregon, Pennsylvania and Tennessee. She has spoken and written on folklore and thematic interpretation, cultural festivals, storytelling, folklore and rural development, the implications of cultural diversity for achieving organizational goals, preserving and promoting cultural resources, the marketing of tradition, state supported traditional crafts programs and cultural tourism initiatives. Atkinson is a member of the Board of Trustees for the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.

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DOUGLAS COUNTY

Coordinator: Susan Van Doren

School: Whittell High School

Principal: Crespín Esquivel

Teachers: Cathy Johnson, Robin Reyes and Susan Van Doren

ELKO COUNTY

Coordinator: Emily Nielson

Schools: Elko High School, Spring Creek High School, Wells High School

Principals: Lynn John, Keith Walz, Donna Webster, Tim Wickersham

Teachers: S. Joy Carlson, Stacie Gardner, Julie Lewis, Kelly Moon, Emily Nielson, Kathy Olson, Cindy Pearson and Steve Young

EUREKA COUNTY

Coordinator: Karl Watts

School: Eureka County High School

Principal: Ken Fujii

Teacher: Karl Watts

HUMBOLDT COUNTY

Coordinator: Vicki Meissner

School: Albert Lowry High School

Principal: Ray Parks

Teacher: Vicki Meissner

LINCOLN COUNTY

Coordinator: Pete Peterson

School: Lincoln County High School,

Principal: Marty Soderborg

Teacher: Pete Peterson

LYON COUNTY

Coordinator: Amanda Aldridge

School: Yerington High School

Principal: Duane Mattice

Teachers: Amanda Aldridge, Alexa Clausen and Henry Crumé

MINERAL COUNTY

Coordinator: Jeannie Jepson

School: Mineral County High School

Principal: Mike Domagala

Teacher: Jeannie Jepson

NEVADA VIRTUAL STATEWIDE

Coordinator: Cornel Nemes

School: Nevada Virtual Academy

Principal: Orlando Dos Santos

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NYE COUNTY

Coordinator: Mary Beth Aragon

School: Beatty High School

Principal: Gary Flood

Teacher: Mary Beth Aragon

PERSHING COUNTY

Coordinator: Julie Terry

School: Pershing County High School

Principal: Russell Fecht

Teacher: Julie Terry

STOREY COUNTY

Coordinator: Kristen Scott

School: Virginia City High School

Principal: Ric Shrank

Teacher: Kristen Scott

WASHOE COUNTY

Coordinator: Martha O'Neil

Schools: Coral Academy of Science, McQueen High School, Rainshadow Charter Community High School, Reed High School, Sage Ridge High School, TMCC High School and Wooster High School

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WHITE PINE COUNTY

Coordinator: Kelly Sturgeon

School: White Pine High School

Principal: Adam Young

Teacher: Kelly Sturgeon

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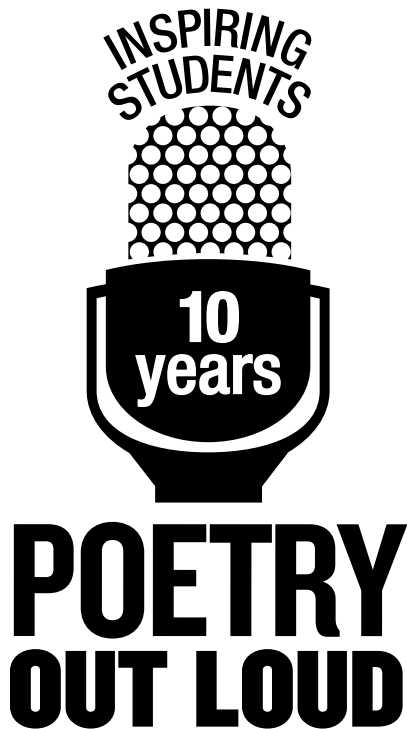
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CLARK COUNTY



2009, 2010 & 2011
Emily Orellana
RAINSHADOW COMMUNITY
CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL
WASHOE COUNTY



2008
Lainey Henderson
CARSON HIGH SCHOOL
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2014 *State Finalists*



2012
Mandy Titilo
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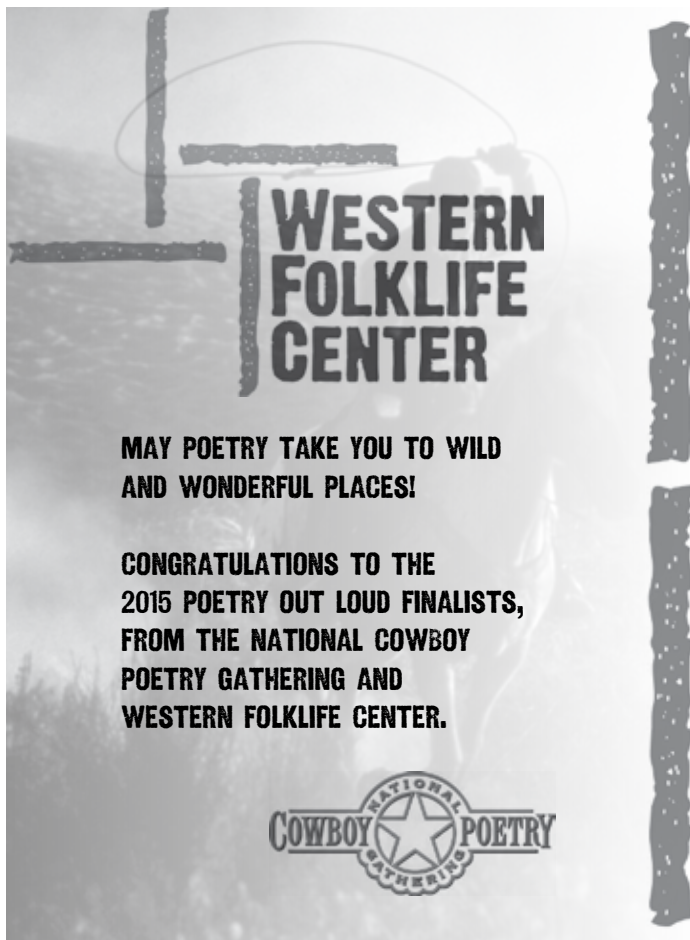
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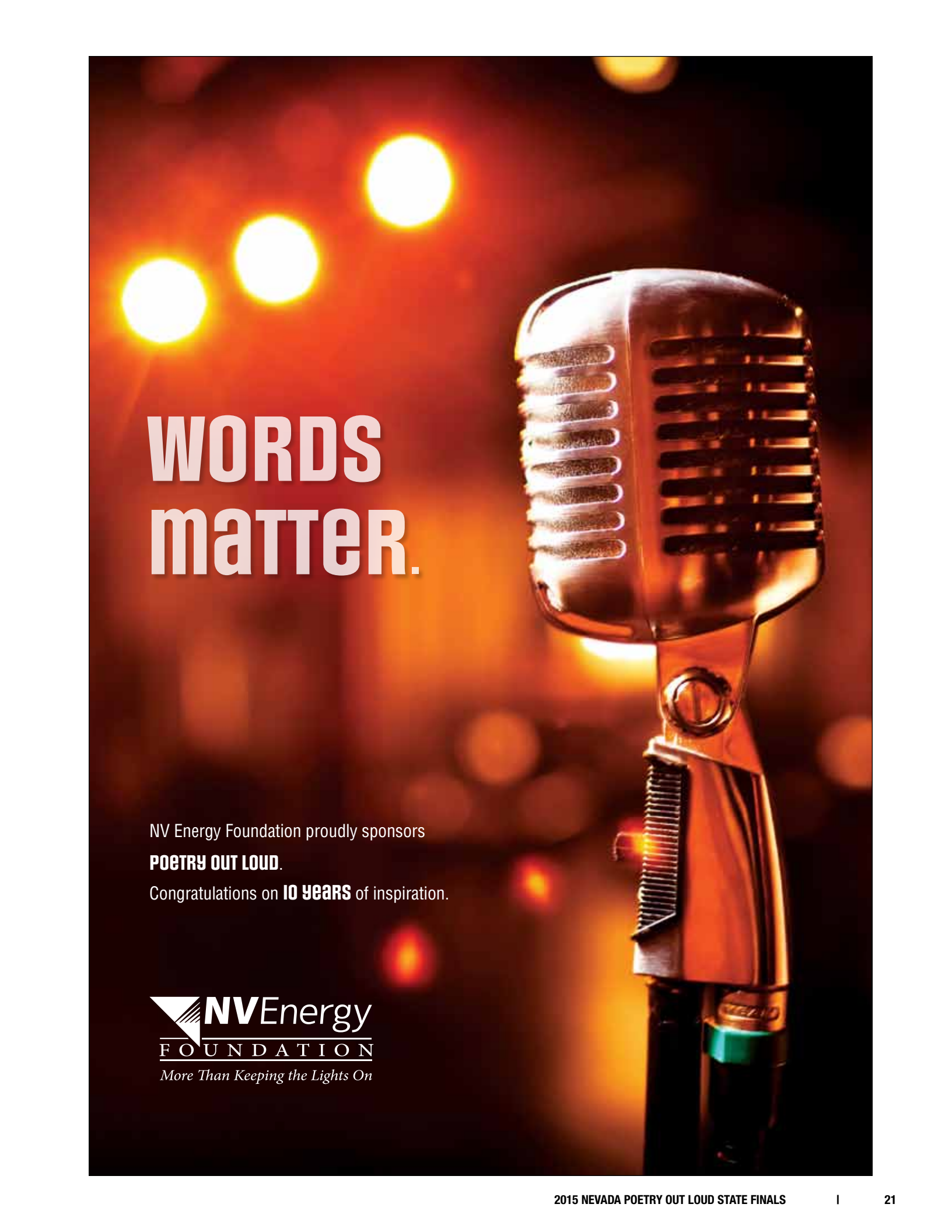
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