

Nevada Arts Council presents

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL

Nevada Poetry Out Loud Recitation Competition

STATE FINALS

2018 NEVADA

P  etry
out
loud
powering up poetry

March 3, 2018

Noon–3 pm

KNPB Channel 5 Reno

A program of the Nevada Arts Council and co-sponsors
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Julia Arger

Chair, Nevada Arts Council Board



March 3, 2018

On behalf of the Nevada Arts Council, it is my sincere pleasure to welcome you to the 2018 Nevada Poetry Out Loud Competition State Finals and to recognize our nine finalists who are competing today.

Each finalist brings life to an art form most of us find challenging to understand. We applaud their talent and their ability to bring poetry to life. The hours of dedicated focus and practice they invest is remarkable. This afternoon we celebrate the revelation, creativity and beauty of language, and the power of the spoken word.

These students are not alone in their endeavors. I want to acknowledge and thank the families, schools and teachers who provide an extraordinary support system to the more than 3,600 student competitors in Nevada this year. With the expanding participation of high school students around the state, Poetry Out Loud has become an integral element of arts learning for Nevada's youth. The combined support of so many individuals and organizations as well as our partners--- the National Endowment for the Arts, Poetry Foundation, NV Energy Foundation, Cultural Alliance Nevada, the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, KNPB, Carson City Square, the Nevada Department of Education, KUNR, and Dynagraphics Printing significantly contribute to the success of this program. I also want to acknowledge and thank the new Executive Director of the Nevada Art's Council, Tony Manfredi and his dedicated staff as well as my fellow NAC Board members whose combined strong commitment to lifelong learning in the arts benefits all Nevadans.

To each finalist today, I speak on behalf of the NAC Board and staff to say congratulations and best wishes for your continuing success. You are winners and talented role models for your peers and for all young Nevadans throughout the state.

Sincerely,

Julia Arger

CHAIR, NEVADA ARTS COUNCIL

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2018 NEVADA POETRY OUT LOUD STATE FINALS

March 3, 2018
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Featuring the 2018 Nevada Poetry Out Loud Finalists:

Sophia Peterson, Carson City
Sandra Luevano, Clark County
Lea Gifford, Douglas County
Mikayla De Guzman, Elko County
Gabrielle (Grey) Hunt, Lyon County
Christopher Wilbur, Pershing County
John Dexter Yago, Storey County
Michael Kerr, Washoe County
Darius Bush, White Pine County

Nevada Poetry Out Loud - CELEBRATING ITS 13TH YEAR

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

—JOHN BARR, FORMER PRESIDENT, POETRY FOUNDATION

2018 NEVADA POETRY OUT LOUD PROGRAM

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

Nevada has experienced exponential growth in participation since the first year in 2005, when 200 students, coaches, teachers and parents were involved. This year Poetry Out Loud engaged more than 3,600 students, 40 teachers and 27 schools across the state. Now that's poetry power!

A POEM IS A FRIEND FOR LIFE

Poetry Out Loud is a distinctive arts education initiative that begins in communities throughout the state. 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 and recitation of classic and contemporary poetry.

By making the words of great poets literally come to life, semi-finalists advance from school and district competitions to compete at the Nevada State Finals where the stakes are high. The Nevada POL State Champion travels to Washington, D.C. to compete for \$50,000 in scholarships and school stipends at the National Finals, April 24-25, 2018 at the Lisner Auditorium at The George Washington University.

POWERING UP POETRY!

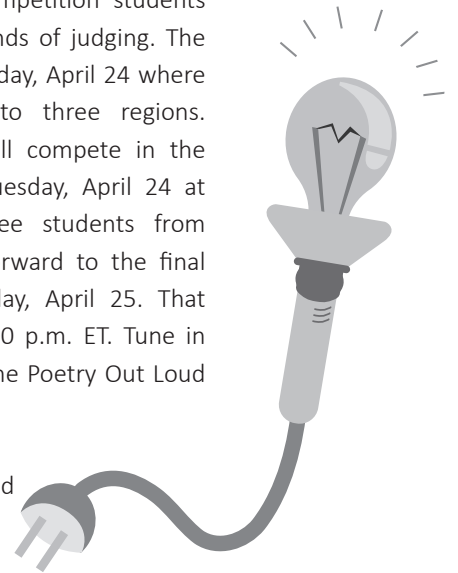
Generous support from NV Energy is fueling the Powering Up Poetry: Poets in Residence Program. For the seventh year in a row, three poet/educators worked with 1,180 students and 26 teachers in two high schools, one elementary school, one middle school and one community organization in Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Minden, Sparks and Eureka. The poets worked with students on the power of language to communicate ideas, to express emotions, to persuade and empower. Students learned how to run a poetry slam, practice positive community norms, and interact with the arts in a meaningful way.

2018 POETRY OUT LOUD NATIONAL FINALS – Watch them live at arts.gov

At the national finals competition students may compete in two rounds of judging. The first round occurs on Tuesday, April 24 where students are divided into three regions. Nevada's state finalist will compete in the Region 3 Semifinal on Tuesday, April 24 at 5:00 p.m. ET. Only three students from each region will move forward to the final competition on Wednesday, April 25. That competition begins at 7:00 p.m. ET. Tune in to see who will become the Poetry Out Loud National Champion!

The national semi-finals and finals will be webcast live at arts.gov.

Follow Poetry Out Loud on Twitter at @PoetryOutLoud and @NEAArts, #POL18.



2018 Nevada Poetry Out Loud State Finals

WELCOME

Julia Arger, Chair, Nevada Arts Council

COMMENTS

Katie Nannini, Community Relations Manager Northern Nevada, NV Energy

MASTER OF CEREMONIES | INTRODUCTION OF JUDGES AND STUDENTS

Gailmarie Pahmeier, Poet and Educator

ROUND 1

1. Storey
2. Lyon
3. Pershing
4. White Pine
5. Washoe
6. Carson City
7. Clark
8. Elko
9. Douglas

ROUND 2

1. Clark
2. Elko
3. Pershing
4. Lyon
5. White Pine
6. Washoe
7. Storey
8. Douglas
9. Carson City

ROUND 3

Top three finalists

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Julia Arger and Katie Nannini

RECEPTION

All are invited!

Poems + Poets

For the Nevada State Finals, each student is required to prepare three poems for recitation 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. All students will recite one poem in Round 1 and one poem in Round 2. Only three students will advance to Round 3.

CARSON CITY | Sophia Peterson

Ars Poetica by Archibald MacLiesh
Epitaph on the Tombstone of a Child, the Last of Seven that Died Before by Aphra Behn
Chicago and December by W.S. Di Piero

CLARK | Sandra Luevano

Let the Light Enter by Frances Ellen Watkins Harper
Domestic Situation by Ernest Hilbert
I Sit and Sew by Alice Moore Dunbar-Nelson

DOUGLAS | Lea Gifford

The Bookshelf of the God of Infinite Space by Jeffrey Skinner
Epitaph on the Tombstone of a Child, the Last of Seven that Died Before by Aphra Behn
Ode by Arthur O'Shaughnessy

ELKO | Mikayla De Guzman

Bleeding Heart by Carmen Giménez Smith
Propositions by Stephen Dunn
The Passionate Shepherd to His Love by Christopher Marlowe

LYON | Gabrielle (Grey) Hunt

The Mortician in San Francisco by Randall Mann
The Children's Hour by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
Weighing In by Rhina P. Espailat

PERSHING | Christopher Wilbur

The Darker Sooner by Catherine Wing
The Paradox by Paul Lawrence Dunbar
Song of the Powers by David Mason

STOREY | John Dexter E. Yago

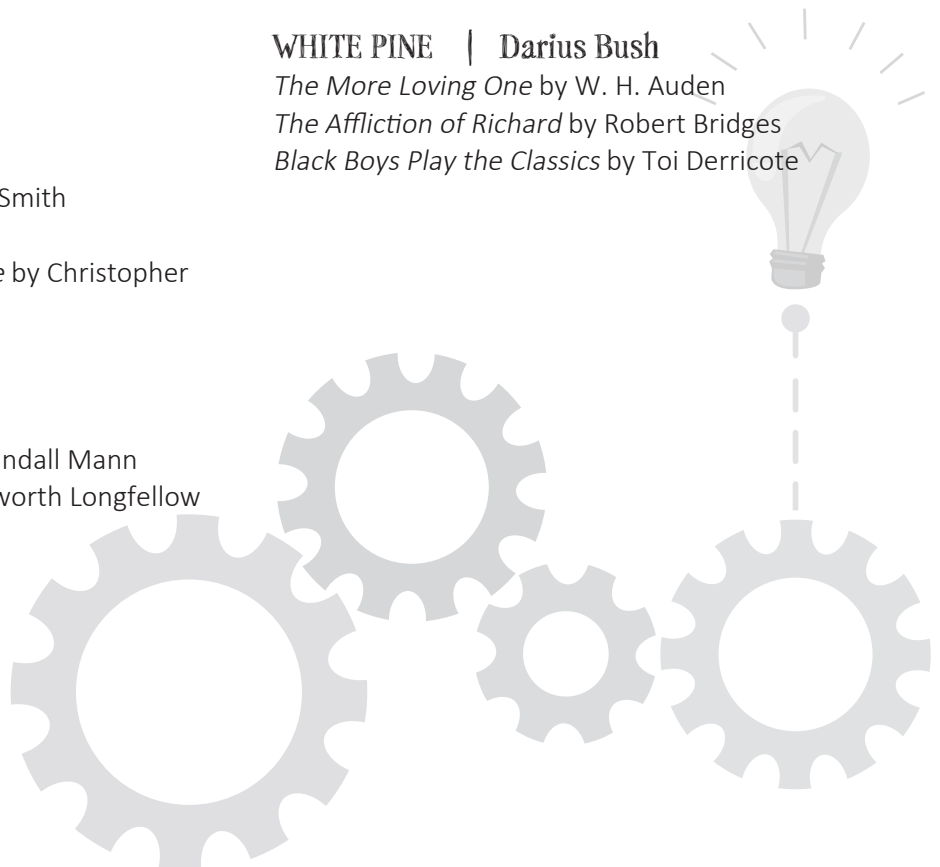
Love Armed by Aphra Behn
Invictus by William Ernest Henley
I Find No Peace by Sir Thomas Wyatt

WASHOE | Michael Kerr

To a Mouse by Robert Burns
History by Camille Rankine
Horns by Kwame Dawes

WHITE PINE | Darius Bush

The More Loving One by W. H. Auden
The Affliction of Richard by Robert Bridges
Black Boys Play the Classics by Toi Derricote



Finalists

CARSON CITY

Sophia Peterson *Junior*

Carson High School

Tasha Fuson, Principal



Sophia Peterson attends Carson High School in Carson City, Nevada. She is a member of many clubs at her school, most notably Speech and Debate and Mock Trial. Her participation in these clubs is what led to one of her coaches recommending that she participate in Poetry Out Loud, which she thoroughly enjoys. In 2016, Peterson was one of northern Nevada's International Extemporaneous Speaking representatives at the National Speech and Debate Association's National Tournament in Birmingham, Alabama. She would like to thank her parents, Jenny Treece and Russ Peterson, and all the Carson High debate coaches.

CLARK COUNTY

Sandra Luevano *Senior*

East Career and Technical Academy

Darlene Delgado, Principal



Sandra Luevano has lived all her life in Las Vegas. She is involved in school clubs such as the Students Against Violence club, Red Cross Club, and DECA, an organization for emerging business leaders. Luevano takes honors and AP courses and has a profound interest in fashion. Her goal is to become an entrepreneur and create her own business one day. She would like to thank her AP language and public speaking teacher Darren Stewart, her mother Carolina Escoto, her sister and brother Ericka Luevano and Carlos Luevano, and others who have supported her and helped her get where she is today.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

Lea Gifford *Senior*

Douglas High School

Joe Girdner, Principal



Lea Gifford is a senior at Douglas High School. She is in her fourth year of Speech and Debate and this year is privileged to be co-captain of the team. She has also been privileged to participate in other speaking engagements, such as the American Legion's Oratorical Contest and the Lion's Club Speaking Contest. In her spare time, she loves listening to Kpop and volunteering in the nursery at LifePoint church. Gifford wishes to thank her parents, Jim and Alecia Gifford, her teachers Mena Dedmon, Mark Kuniya and Cheyenne Contreras, and her coach Karen Heine.

Finalists

ELKO COUNTY

Mikayla De Guzman *Junior*

Elko High School

Tim Wickersham, Principal



Mikayla De Guzman was born in Manhasset, New York, and moved to Elko, Nevada around the age of 2. As a junior at Elko High School she enjoys singing in Choraliers, participating in Key Club, and acting in drama class. It was during her freshman year of speech class that she was introduced to Poetry Out Loud and got the chance to work with poets Randy Rieman and Joel Nelson at a workshop. De Guzman would like to thank her teachers Emily Nielson and Kelli Moon, and her parents Jocelyn and Felix De Guzman, for encouraging her to find her voice.

LYON COUNTY

Gabrielle Hunt *Senior*

Yerington High School

Duane Mattice, Principal



Gabrielle (Grey) Hunt is an avid four-time competitor in the Poetry Out Loud program. They like reading, writing, and playing in the school band. After graduation, they hope to attend college for political science and possibly become a civil liberties lawyer, using their love of politics, debate, and social justice. They would like to thank their parents, friends, and most of all Mrs. Aldridge for unyielding support and setting them out on the track of this incredible four-year journey.

PERSHING COUNTY

Christopher Wilbur *Senior*

Pershing County High School

Tom Brooks, Principal



Christopher Wilbur has been a resident of rural Nevada for almost six years. Through his time living so far from town, he has developed many ways to keep stress and boredom at bay. His biggest stress relief has by far been poetry. Wilbur looks forward to listening to and reading poetry in the future. He also enjoys building things and spends a lot of time with his best friend, Renee. Wilbur would like to thank his best friend/girlfriend Renee Gokey, his parents Donna Wilbur and Mike Wilbur, and his drama teacher Julie Terry.

Finalists

STOREY COUNTY

John Dexter E. Yago *Junior*

Virginia City High School
ShawnMarie Chapman, Principal



John Dexter E. Yago was born and raised in the Philippines until 2012, when he moved to the United States. At Virginia City High School, he participates in the Silver Sound Choir and plays football, and in his spare time, he likes to sing and do karaoke. He loves pizza and coffee. Yago wishes to thank his mother and stepfather, Maricel Vernazza and Mike Vernazza, and his English teacher, Kristen Scott. He dedicates his performance during the Nevada State Finals to his grandparents.

WASHOE COUNTY

Michael Kerr *Junior*

Bishop Manogue Catholic High School
Brienne Thoreson, Principal



Michael Kerr is a Junior at Bishop Manogue Catholic High School in Reno. He enjoys theatre, programming, rock climbing and literature. His favorite poets are Edgar Allan Poe and other 19th century poets. He has performed in multiple theatre shows for Reno Little Theatre and in a musical for Bishop Manogue. Kerr's literary tastes and acting experience have made this poetry competition a new and challenging endeavor. He wishes to thank his parents Michael and Marie Kerr, his English teacher Katie LaPointe and all of his teachers and friends at Manogue.

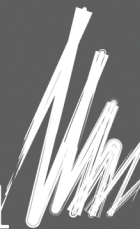
WASHOE COUNTY

Darius Bush *Senior*

White Pine High School
Rebecca Murdock, Principal



Darius Bush was born in Ely, Nevada, and has lived there all his life. He is a poet and artist, as well as a sound equipment manager, stage manager, and vice president of White Pine High School's Players Club. Bush takes pride in changing the views of those around him and offering a new voice to the town of Ely. He would like to thank his parents, Justin and Kristy Jacobsen, Kelly Sturgeon and his other English teachers, and White Pine High School.



THE ARTS MEAN BUSINESS IN NEVADA

\$471.7 million
in economic activity

\$227.3 million
by arts
& cultural
organizations

\$244.4 million
in event-
related
audience
spending

Supports
10,494 full-time jobs

\$250.7 million

Contributes
to household income for
local residents

\$36.8 million

Generates
local and state
government revenue

ARTS DRIVE TOURISM

54.2% of non-local event attendees said the
primary purpose of their visit to the state
was "specifically to attend this arts/cultural event"

47.6% of non-resident attendees said they would
have "traveled to a different community
to attend a similar cultural event"

LOCAL IMPACT
41.8% of resident attendees said they would
have "traveled to a different community
to attend a similar cultural event"

AUDIENCE SPENDING

\$79

Non-local average
attendee spending
per person above and
beyond ticket price



\$24

Avg. per person
attendee spending
beyond ticket price

CREATING JOBS. GENERATING COMMERCE. DRIVING TOURISM.

Arts and Economic Prosperity 5 (AEP5) is the most comprehensive economic impact study of the nonprofit arts and culture industry ever conducted. In fiscal year 2015, the State of Nevada joined Americans for the Arts as an official study partner.

Data from Nevada was gathered from 164 nonprofit arts and culture organizations and over 2,200 audience spending surveys. The study utilized a customized input-output model for the region to ensure reliable results.

What sets the AEP5 study apart is that it not only focuses on localized research on arts organizations, but also incorporates the event-related spending by their audiences beyond any ticket prices. When patrons attend an arts event, they may pay for parking, eat dinner at a restaurant, enjoy dessert after the show, and return home to pay the babysitter. The study found that in Nevada, the typical attendee spends \$28.90 per person, per event beyond the cost of admission.

AEP5 demonstrates that the arts provide both cultural and economic benefits. Nationally as well as in Nevada, the arts mean business.

Master of Ceremonies

GAILMARIE PAHMEIER

Gailmarie Pahmeier has been a Nevadan for over 30 years. She teaches creative writing and contemporary literature courses at the University of Nevada, Reno, where she has been honored with the Alan Bible Teaching Excellence Award and the University Distinguished Teacher Award. She is also on the faculty of the low-residency MFA Program at Sierra Nevada College. A Pushcart Prize nominee, her work has garnered a number of awards including a Witter Bynner Poetry Fellowship and two Artists Fellowships from the Nevada Arts Council as well as the prestigious Fellowship Project Grant. Her poems have been widely published in literary journals and anthologies. She is the author of *The House on Breakaheart Road* and *The Rural Lives of Nice Girls* as well as three chapbooks, one of which, *—Shake It and It Snows—*, won the Coal Hill Chapbook Award from Autumn House Press. Pahmeier has received the Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts from the state of Nevada and is a former National Literary Panelist for the YoungArts Foundation. In 2015 she was appointed Reno's first Poet Laureate; in 2016 she was inducted into the Nevada Writers Hall of Fame, and in 2017 she received the Outstanding Teacher in the Humanities Award from the Nevada Humanities Council.

Judges

JOE ATTACK

Joe Attack is an actor, director, musician and educator who has taught workshops in the UK, Switzerland and the U.S. Originally from northern England, Attack trained as an actor at the Arden School of Theatre in Manchester and earned a degree from the University of Manchester. He worked as an actor in theatre, film, television and radio and later co-founded Inky Fingers Theatre Company, which produced new works supported by the Arts Council of England; and SheepTown Theatre Company, which was dedicated to producing new theatre in rural communities. In 2007 Attack was invited to work for the Nevada Shakespeare Company of Reno. In addition to serving as company manager he produced, directed and acted in plays under Producing Artistic Director Cameron Crain, with whom he co-wrote *Romeo and Juliet Ish*, which toured northern Nevada, Idaho and Oregon. In 2008 Attack became the first Education Director for the Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival (LTSF) and teaches workshops on Shakespeare and acting in addition to being a member of the acting company. LTSF provides educational programming to over 7,000 young people each year. Since Attack became Producing Artistic Director of Good Luck Macbeth Theatre Company of Reno in 2014 it has grown significantly, resulting in a recently opened new theatre space in Midtown, Reno, doubling the company's space and capacity.

MARY HOLSCLOW

Mary Holsclaw is a native of North Carolina. She earned her bachelor's degree in political science and international studies from Mars Hill University and her master's degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of Scranton, Pennsylvania. Beginning in 2014, she worked as the Social Studies Consultant for the Nevada Department of Education and is currently its new Competency-Based Education and STEM Consultant. Holsclaw has worn many different hats throughout her career including sponsoring the Model United Nations Club and Youth Legislative Club, providing community service in the legal field, sponsoring Girl Scouts, and chairing the social studies department (at her previous school where she taught). She has also conducted professional development trainings pertaining to curriculum, 21st Century learning, and enhancing literacy in social studies. Through this wide experience, Holsclaw has developed a unique perspective into the field of education. In her spare time she enjoys reading literature in various genres and exploring the surroundings of northern Nevada.

VOGUE ROBINSON

Vogue Robinson recently became Clark County's second poet laureate. She has an appreciation for humans who put truth and heart into words. Since graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in English from San Diego State University, she has dedicated herself to the art of expression. Her work has been published in *Catching Calliope: Vol. 2, Red Rock Review, Legs of Tumbleweeds, Wings of Lace: An Anthology of Literature by Nevada Women and Clark: Poetry from Clark County, Nevada*. Her first poetry collection titled *Vogue 3:16* was released in 2014. Robinson serves as the organizer and co-host to Words in Motion Open Mic and Battle Born Poetry Slam. She has also represented Las Vegas four times at the National Poetry Slam. She is the Executive Director of Poetry Promise, Inc. whose mission is to advance the knowledge and practice of poetry and the literary arts in Clark County, the state of Nevada and beyond. Robinson likes to spend what spare time she has with family.

MICHAEL URSELL

Michael Ursell manages the Beverly Rogers, Carol C. Harter Black Mountain Institute's development program and is the associate publisher of the acclaimed literary magazine *The Believer*. He is a writer, educator, and digital strategist. He worked at the Los Angeles Review of Books (LARB) as a communications director and an editor for the nonprofit magazine's poetry section. He arrived at LARB after winning a competitive fellowship from the American Council of Learned Societies "Public Fellows" program. Ursell holds a PhD in literature from the University of California, Santa Cruz, where he wrote about French and English Renaissance poetry and taught many classes, from Shakespeare to Introduction to Composition. His academic writing on poetry has appeared in publications including *Studies in English Literature 1500 – 1900 Connotations*, and *The Princeton Encyclopedia of Poetry and Poetics*.

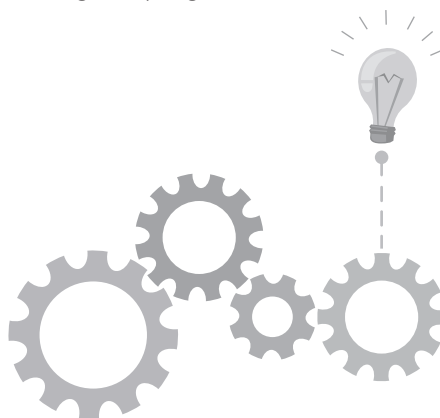
LINDSAY WILSON

Lindsay Wilson, an English professor at Truckee Meadows Community College, serves as Poetry Editor for the school's national literary journal, *The Meadow*. He earned his M.F.A. in poetry from the University of Idaho. He has been named a finalist for the Philip Levine prize and has received a special mention in the 2017 Pushcart Prize anthology. Wilson's first collection, *No Elegies*, won the Quercus Review Press Spring book award. He has also authored five chapbooks and his poetry has appeared in *The Bellevue Literary Review, Verse Daily, The Missouri Review Online, The Carolina Quarterly*, and *The Portland Review* among others. Currently he is serving as the Poet Laureate of Reno, Nevada.

Accuracy Judge

NANCY MANFREDI

Nancy Manfredi is a native Nevadan. She grew up in Sparks, attended Sparks schools, and graduated from the University of Nevada with a Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education. She taught at Dilworth Junior High School, Wooster High School, and McQueen High School. While at McQueen, she served as the English department chairman for four years. During her 33 years as an educator she taught writing, poetry, and literature to both regular and honors classes and was a scorer for the Nevada State Proficiency Test in Writing. Upon retirement, Manfredi joined the Assistance League of Reno-Sparks where she volunteers in its numerous programs. She also enjoys her membership in the Historic Reno Preservation Society where she is a walking tour guide for weekly tours during the spring and summer months.



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Congratulations to all the students who competed at the school and district levels, and many thanks to their parents, families and friends. We are indebted to the enthusiastic support of and participation by the teachers, coaches, principals and superintendents involved with Nevada's 2018 Poetry Out Loud Competition. We know that the list below may be missing others, and we thank you as well.

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School: Carson City High School
Principal: Tasha Fuson
Teacher: Patrick Mobley

CLARK COUNTY

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Schools: East Career and Technical Academy, Las Vegas Academy, Legacy High School, College of Southern Nevada High School West, College of Southern Nevada High School East, Palo Verde High School, New Horizons Center for Learning and Green Valley High School
Principals: Darlin Delgado, Scott Walker, Ken Sobaszek, George Leavens, Darren Sweikert, Barbara Bidell and Kent Roberts
Teachers: Darren Stewart, Stacey Johnston, Rachel Burke, Serrin Anderson, Gary Havener, Amy Reed, Sandra McCluney and Ines Lopes

DOUGLAS COUNTY

Coordinator: Mena Dedmon
School: Douglas High School
Principal: Joe Girdner
Teacher: Mena Dedmon

ELKO COUNTY

Coordinator: Emily Nielsen, Elko High School
Schools: Elko High School and Owyhee Combined School
Principals: Tim Wickersham and Steven Cook
Teachers: Emily Nielsen, Kelly Moon, Justin Streeter and Melissa Weick-Juceam

HUMBOLDT COUNTY

School: Albert M. Lowry High School
Coordinators: Rene Hill and Jake Evans
Principal: Ray Parks
Teachers: Rene Hill and Jake Evans

LINCOLN COUNTY

Coordinator: C. Pete Peterson
School: Lincoln County High School,
Principal: Marty Sodeborg
Teacher: C. Pete Peterson

LYON COUNTY

Coordinator: Amanda Aldridge
School: Yerington High School
Principal: Duane Mattice
Teacher: Amanda Aldridge

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Teacher: Cornel Nemes

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Coordinator: Julie Terry
School: Pershing County High School
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Teacher: Julie Terry

STOREY COUNTY

Coordinator: Kristen Scott
School: Virginia City High School
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Teacher: Kristen Scott

WASHOE COUNTY

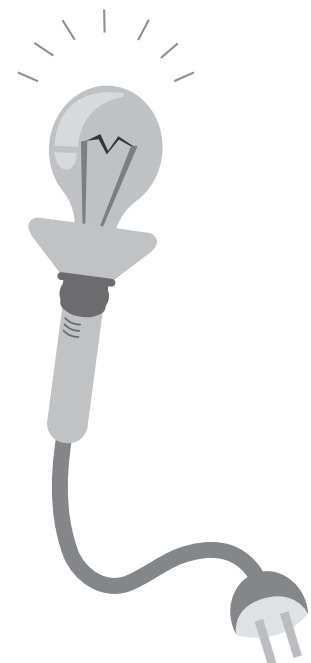
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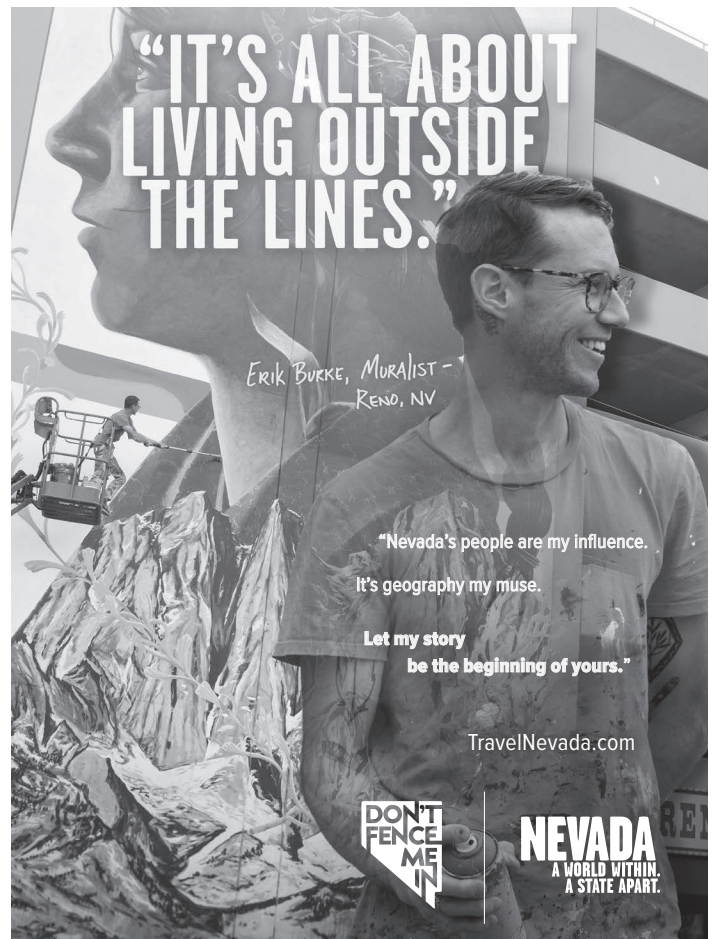
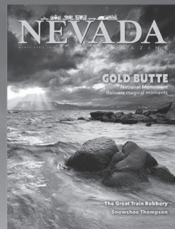
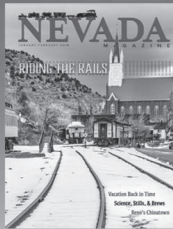
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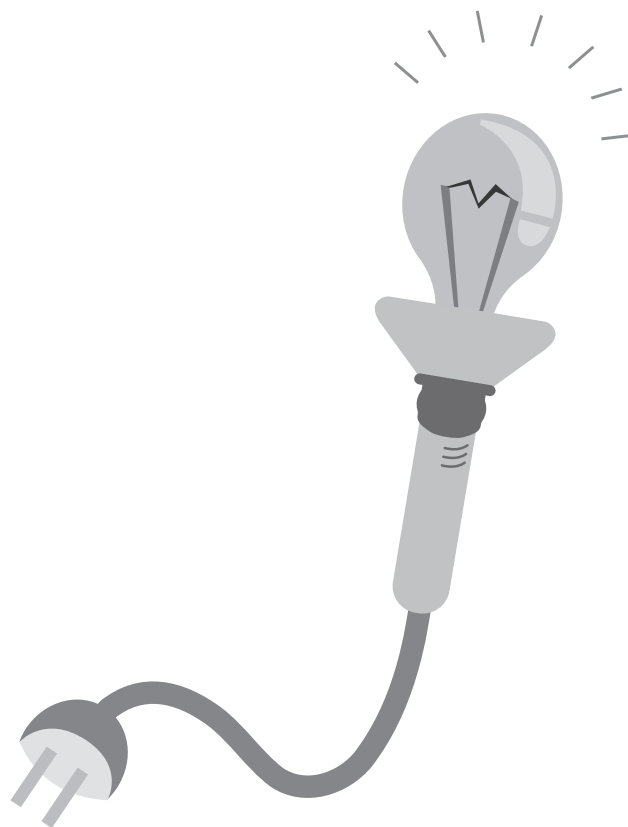
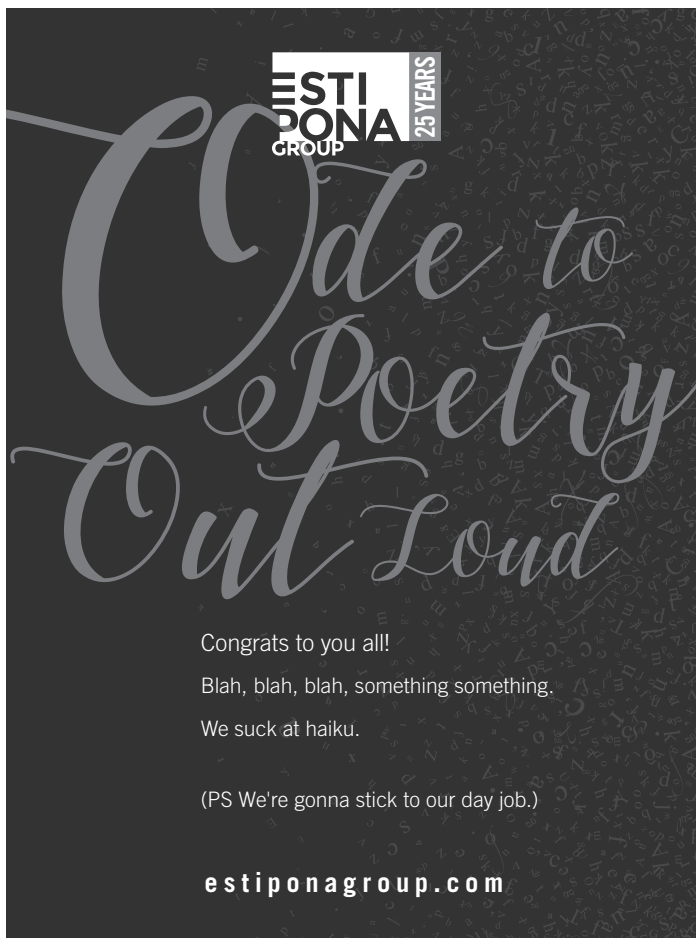
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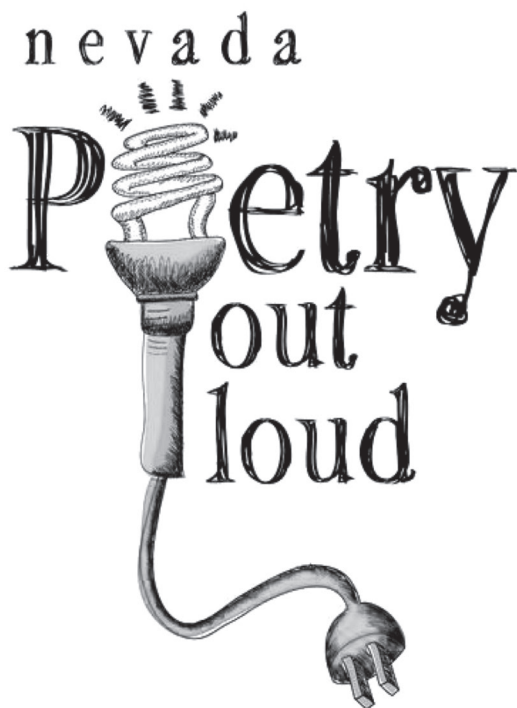
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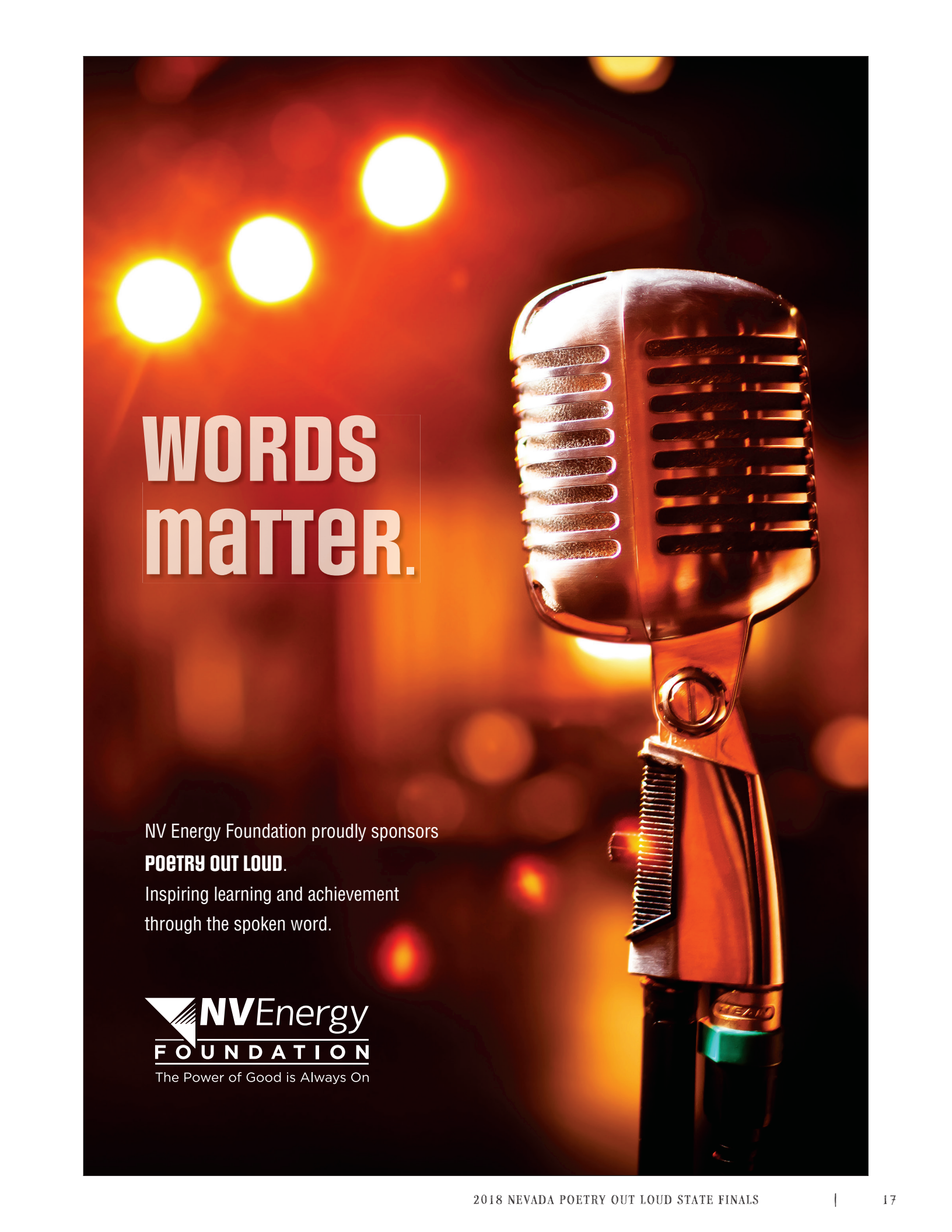
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