

SPEECH 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.....	71
Number of entries	412

REGION CONTESTS (“B” & “A” Schools)

Number of participating “A” schools	38
Number of entries from “A” schools	213
Number of participating “B” schools.....	48
Number of entries from “B” schools	218

STATE FESTIVAL

Number of participating "AA" schools.....	15
Number of entries from "AA" schools.....	101
Number of participating “A” schools	26
Number of entries from “A” schools	96
Number of participating “B” schools	47
Number of entries from “B” schools	110

110th ANNUAL STATE ORAL INTERPRETATION FESTIVAL RESULTS

**Yankton, South Dakota
December 6-7, 2019**

The 2019 State Oral Interpretation Festival was held at Yankton High School with students from 88 schools competing. During the Festival, the judges awarded 48 superiors to the Class “AA” competitors. The Class “A” competitors received 60 superior awards and Class "B" competitors earned 60 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. 7 Class "AA" schools, 15 Class “A” schools and 14 Class “B” schools received the Team Excellence Award plaques.

Class “AA” Team Excellence Awards

**Brandon Valley
Brookings
Harrisburg
O’Gorman
Pierre T.F. Riggs
Sioux Falls Washington
Sturgis Brown**



2019 Class AA Team Excellence Awards
(Photo courtesy of SDPB)

CLASS "AA" INDIVIDUAL SUPERIOR RATINGS



Class "AA: Non-Original Oratory Superiors
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Class "AA" Non-Original Oratory

- Maggie Wallin – Sioux Falls Roosevelt
“What Makes a Good Life? Lessons From the Longest Study on Happiness”
Grace Thuringer – O’Gorman
“Leaving the Cult of Happiness”
Sarah Hancock – Pierre TF Riggs
“The Sense of Wonder”
Alayna Lemcke – Sturgis Brown
“Your Elusive Creative Genius”
Kate Melanson – Watertown
“Lesson from the Mental Hospital”
Grace Lamberty – Brandon Valley
“What It Really Means When You Call a Woman “Hysterical””
Angela Lansang – Brookings
“What Adults Can Learn From Kids”
Rahele Megosha – Sioux Falls Washington
“Dreaming Awake”



Class "AA" Humorous Superiors
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Class "AA" Humorous Reading

- Halina Johnson – Aberdeen Central
“Everybody Gets Abducted by Aliens”
Ryan Corcoran – Harrisburg
“Little Suzy Sues God for All He's Worth”
Joseph Cassady – Brookings
“The Devil in Sherman Marsh”
Isabella Szabo – Sioux Falls Lincoln
“Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All for You”
Rima Jamous – O’Gorman
“Space Girl”
Izzie Stone – Brandon Valley
“Crazytown”
Blake Anderson – Sioux Falls Washington
“The Devil in Sherman Marsh”



Class "AA" Serious Reading
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Class "AA" Interpretation of Serious Reading

- Levi McKinley – Pierre TF Riggs
“Flowers for Sarajevo”
Lydia Rotterdam – Sturgis Brown
“The Tribunal”
Ellen Joseph – Brandon Valley
“The Sunflower Forest”
Atong Mawien – O’Gorman
“Family First”
Blake Anderson – Sioux Falls Washington
“The Fortunate”

Class “AA” Storytelling

- Unpo Goodwill – Brookings
“The Legend of the White Buffalo Calf Woman”
- Angelo Ceretto – Harrisburg
“The Snatchabook”
- April Moen – Sioux Falls Washington
“Ava the Monster Slayer: A Warrior Who Wears Glasses”
- Russell Rivero – Brandon Valley
“Mercy Watson Fights Crime”
- Katherine Dinsmore – O’Gorman
“The Sad Little Fact”
- Savannah Shrake – Pierre TF Riggs
“Superdog: The Heart of a Hero”



Class “AA” Storytelling
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Class “AA” Poetry
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Class “AA” Poetry Reading

- Jemma Landry – Sioux Falls Roosevelt
“Getting Over It”
- Jodi Barden – Sturgis Brown
“For Instance”
- Meara McIntyre – Sioux Falls Washington
“No Matter the Wreckage”
- Anna Carda – Yankton
“How to Stay Bitter Through the Happiest Times of Your Life”
- Lily Palo – Brookings
“Sorry, Not Sorry”
- Cal Shaykett – Brandon Valley
“Body Forgive Me”
- Matthew Meyer – O’Gorman
“Be A Man”



Class "AA" Duet Superiors
(Photo courtesy of SDPB)

Class "AA" Duet Interpretation

- Heidi Anderson and Allie VanDrongelen – Sioux Falls Lincoln
 "I, Tonya"
 Christine Crouch and Hope Patton – Aberdeen Central
 "Science: No Boys Allowed"
 Xzaria Henderson and Jack Ferris- Pierre TF Riggs
 "Sure Thing"
 Erin Hertel and Gerrit VonEye – Watertown
 "Garry Trotter and He Whose Name We Cannot Say
 Due To Copyright Infringement"
 Victoria Brown and Wyatt Haibeck – Mitchell
 "The Martha Man"
 Kirby Kennedy and Jack Hinrichs – Sioux Falls Washington
 "Assassins"
 Parker Fitzgerald and Logan Hammer – Harrisburg
 "3 AM Wake-Up Call"
 Taylor Junker and Elizabeth Schoenfelder – O’Gorman
 "Empowered"
 Cal Shaykett and Ellen Joseph – Brandon Valley
 "Do They Wear High Heels in Heaven?"



Class "AA" Readers Theatre Superior Performances
(Photo courtesy of SDPB)

- Harrisburg, "Horton Hears a Who"
 Angelo Ceretto, Ryan Corcoran, Parker Fitzgerald, Logan Hammer, Cassidy Herding,
 Ainsley Plack
 O’Gorman, "Monsters"
 Mary Wilka, Sydney Benson, Elli Richardson, Samantha Staehling, Hunter Schreter, Ri-
 ma Jamous
 Sturgis Brown, "Ghostbusters"
 Jodi Barden, Ricky Clark, Lydia Rotterdam, Rio Snyder, Carlie Johnson, Alayna Lemcke
 Watertown, "Motel California"
 Nancy Flaherty, Carter Canfield, Gerrit VonEye, Noelle Dunn, Andrew Dalke
 Brandon Valley, "Fun Friends"
 Cal Shaykett, Keaton Beyer, Grace Lamberty, Ellen Joseph, Izzie Stone
 Sioux Falls Washington, "Guardians of our Childhood"
 Blake Anderson, Jack Hinrichs, Kirby Kennedy, Meara McIntyre, Rahele Megosha, April
 Moen

CLASS “A” STATE FESTIVAL RESULTS

Class “A” Team Excellence Awards

Aberdeen Roncalli
Custer
Deuel
Flandreau
Lennox

Madison
Milbank
Platte-Geddes
Sioux Falls Christian
Sioux Valley

St. Thomas More
Tea Area
Vermillion
Wagner
West Central



2019 Class A Team Excellence Awards
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Class “A” – Non-Original Oratory

Austin Kulm – Flandreau
“Confessions of a Depressed Comic”
Charli Stamper – St. Thomas More
“What is School For?”
Ciara Nelson – Wagner
“Our Mission is to report these Horrors of War
with Accuracy and without Prejudice”
Carlie Terrall – Madison
“Terrible, Thanks for Asking”
Micah Wimmer – Sioux Falls Christian
“The Fight Against Teen Suicide Begins in the
Classroom”
Zadya Abbott – Vermillion
“The Racial Politics of Time”
Audrey Prostollo – West Central
“The Five People You Need to be Happy”
Nathan Buisker – Sioux Valley
“An address to Congress regarding the September
11th Victim’s Compensation Fund”



Class “A” Non-Original Oratory Superiors
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Class “A” Humorous Reading - Superior Performances
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Class “A” Humorous Reading

- Lyla Thompson – Flandreau
 “My Sister, Gothzilla”
- Suki Ford – Vermillion
 “The Waltz”
- Parker Rinehart – Sioux Valley
 “Investigator Q”
- Charlie Berg – West Central
 “The Revenge of Rainbow Sheep”
- CC Graham – Madison
 “The Absolutely Insidious and Utterly Terrifying Truth About Cat Hair”
- Blake Todd – Sioux Falls Christian
 “Reggie Wilson: Boy Detective”

Class “A” Interpretation of Serious Reading

- Timothy Johnson – Custer
 “The Things They Carried”
- Abby Vanden Berge – Platte-Geddes
 “I’m Not Okay”
- Miki Larson – Madison
 “Still Life”
- Rylee Honomichl – Sioux Valley
 “Beautifully Broken”
- Kialey Rose – Lead-Deadwood
 “Crafty”
- Andrew Calhoon – Lennox
 “A Ghost of a Chance”
- Damien Devries – Tea Area
 “On My Own”
- Grace Johnson – Flandreau
 “Faceless”
- Brennen Barber – Rapid City Christian
 “88 Keys”
- Jonah Kost – Aberdeen Roncalli
 “Tweak”



Class “A” Serious Reading - Superior Performances
(Photo courtesy of SDPB)



Class "A" Storytelling Superiors:
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Class "A" Interpretation of Storytelling

- Bess Golden - West Central
"Too Soon a Woman"
- Sierra Sorenson - Deuel
"Beowulf"
- Eric Puumala - Sioux Falls Christian
"Marvelous"
- Liam Streitz - Flandreau
"Captain Awesome to the Rescue"
- Landon Brown - Milbank
"Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt"
- Madison Holman - Parker
"Sally Ann Thunder Ann Whirlwind"
excerpt from Tell Me a Story: Timeless
Folktales from Around the World"
- Ailin Montgomery - Madison
"Matilda"
- William Medicine Eagle - Todd County
"The Inipi Origin Story"
- Mackenzie Roberts - Wagner
"The Story of Esther"



Class "A" Poetry Superior Award Winners
(Photo courtesy of SDPB)

Class A – Poetry Reading

- Andrew Calhoon – Lennox
"When I Was a Kid"
- Sage Taken Alive – McLaughlin
"Wachinyekiye"
- Malia Flores – St. Thomas More
"Learning to Fly"
- Meaghan Steege – Sioux Valley
"The Bride"
- Carlie Terrall – Madison
"Motherhood"
- McKenze Peine – West Central
"Milk and Honey"
- Brinna Zikmund – Aberdeen Roncalli
"Astonishments"
- Elizabeth DeBoer – Deuel
"Penny for Your Thoughts"
- Leah DeHaan – Platte-Geddes
"Half-Hanged Mary"
- DeLaney Krogh – Tea Area
"Shoulders"
- Odalys Estrada – Custer
"To This Day"
- Ciara Nelson – Wagner
"Courage: Daring Poems for Gutsy Girls"



Class “A” Duet Superiors
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Class “A” – Duet Interpretation

- Bryce Enger and Katie Schultz – Sioux Falls Christian
 “The Fault in Our Stars”
 Brinna Zikmund and Jonah Kost – Aberdeen Roncalli
 “Good Omens”
 Landon Brown and Peyton Wiese – Milbank
 “Almost Maine”
 Grace Johanson and Austin Kulm – Flandreau
 “The Adventures of Superhero Girl”
 CC Graham and Ailin Montgomery – Madison
 “The Butter Battle Book”
 Charlie Berg and Emily Hofer – West Central
 “Barbie and Ken”
 Timothy Johnson and Odalys Estrada – Custer
 “Dani Girl”
 Nathan Buisker and Parker Rinehart – Sioux Valley
 “Dear Evan Hanson”



Class “A” Readers Theatre Superior Performances
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- Aberdeen Roncalli, “Trinity”
 Michael Garofalo, Christina Grettler, Elizabeth Russell, Allie Garofalo, Sierra Kokales
 St. Thomas More, “Life Flight”
 Charli Stamper, Allison Burmeister, Malia Flores, Kaitlyn Greene, Leah Williams, Jacob Herbert
 Miller, “Harry Potter Puppet Pals”
 Aaron Castonguay, Caden Gortmaker, Sara Jessen, Sydney Jessen, Meghan Poindexter, Kaden Sivertsen
 Sioux Valley, “Big Bang”
 Nathan Buisker, Rylee Honomichl, Jon Kasper, Parker Rinehart, Julia Steffensen
 Sioux Falls Christian, “Everything We Do”
 Micah Wimmer, Bryce Enger, Lauren Natwick, Lydia Ackerman
 West Central, “Valley Hills: Who Dunit?”
 Charlie Berg, Bess Golden, Emily Hofer, Audrey Prostrollo, Blake Stark
 Madison, “Street Smarts”
 Carlie Terrall, Katrina Kauffman, Hannah LeMair, Emma Kruger

CLASS “B” STATE FESTIVAL RESULTS

Class “B” Team Excellence Awards

**Bison
Britton-Hecla
Chester Area
Colman-Egan
De Smet**

**Deubrook Area
Faulkton Area
Freeman Academy
Great Plains Lutheran
Henry**

**James Valley Christian
Lemmon
Mitchell Christian
Rosholt**



2019 Class B Team Excellence Awards
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Class “B” Non-Original Oratory Superiors
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Class “B” Non-Original Oratory

Aria Gruenhagen – De Smet
“The Happy Secret to Better Work”

Kaitlyn McCartney – Lemmon
“This Is Not The End”

Tryg Aanenson – Freeman
“You’re Not Special”

Vanessa Klein – Rosholt
“Always Play Like an Underdog”

Claire Mellegaard – Ethan
“Martin Luther King, Jr. Prep Class Commencement Address”

Isabell Sees – Irene-Wakonda
“There’s More to Life Than Being Happy”

Hannah Havlik – Kimball
“Darrell Scott Testimony”

Makenzie Jorgenson – Florence
“Why We Choose Suicide”

Seth Mendel – James Valley Christian
“From General MacArthur”

John Bowar – Faulkton Area
“Street Smarts”

Regan Ringkob – Britton-Hecla
“The Disease of Being Busy”

Alyssa Fink – Freeman Academy
“America’s Forced Marriage Problem”

Sawyer Holzer – Timber Lake
“The Myth of Toxic Masculinity”

Class “B” Humorous Readings

- Bailee Anderson – Chester Area
“Falling (And Not Getting Up)”
- Rawlin Smith – Bison
“Regina Flector Wins the Science Fair”
- Collin Fuller – Henry
“A Triune Tale of Diminutive Swine”
- Salma Serr – Gregory
“The Fart That (Almost) Altered My Destiny”
- Kaitlyn McCartney – Lemmon
“For Who The Bell, Like, Tolls”
- Madison Hulscher – Wilmot
“A Salutatorian’s Gratitude”
- Daniela Lee – Colman-Egan
“Jogging Can Be Murder”
- Jakson Cowles – Great Plains Lutheran
“Danny’s How-to VLOG on Surviving Middle School, Defeating the Bad Guys, and Ruling the World”



Class “B” Humorous Reading Superiors
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Class “B” Serious Reading Superiors
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Class “B” Interpretation of Serious Reading

- Caleb Roberts – Great Plains Lutheran
“The Code”
- Dillion Talks – Hoven
“368 Friends”
- Laura Meyer – Lyman
“Amazing Grace”
- Kayle Lauck – McCook Central
“I’m Not Okay”
- Melissa Thompson – James Valley Christian
“The Scarlet Ibis”
- Rudy Gallegos – Deubrook Area
“Presumed Destroyed”
- Jordan Wittrock – Colman-Egan
“Speak”
- Sonora Myers – Freeman Academy
“The War That Saved My Life”



Class “B” Poetry Superiors
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Class “B” Poetry Reading

- Andrea Lubaya – Great Plains Lutheran
 “In The City of Slaughter”
- Zoryana Motyka – Summit
 “Charms of the Night”
- Eryka Quinn – Faulkton Area
 “ Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf,
 the Three Little pigs”
- Madison Miller – Newell
 “Challenges”
- Lydia Hill – Sully Buttes
 “To This Day...”
- Regan Ringkob – Britton-Hecla
 “How to Heal the Hurt by Hating”
- Aria Gruenhagen – De Smet
 “The Ballad of Dirty Joe”
- Chandler Leen – Deubrook Area
 “Words are Weapons & War”
- Laura Ilunga – Freeman Academy
 “The Rose That Grew From Concrete”



Class “B” Duet Interpretation Superiors
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Class “B” Duet Interpretation

- Collin Fuller and Chase Kelly – Henry
 “Assault Toast”
- Katrina Weber and Lindsey Weeldreyer - Bridgewater-
 Emery
 “Ditzies”
- Torry Harding and Jordan Wittrock – Colman-Egan
 “The Evil Fluff Ball”
- Gracie Snyder and Rudy Gallegos – Deubrook Area
 “That’s Not How I Remember It”
- Angelyn Allison and Alyssa Fink – Freeman Academy
 “Kill the Butter”
- Jakson Cowies and Bailey Wolff – Great Plains Lutheran
 “My Most Embarrassing Case Scenario”
- Antone Campbell and Evelyn Jones – Sunshine Bible
 Academy
 “This Speech Contest Has Been Cancelled”
- Raegan Hoff and Emily Brown – Chester Area
 “The Evil Fluffball”
- Levi Krautschun and Katherine Kvale – Bison
 “The Big Bang”



Class “B” Storytelling Superiors
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Class “B” Storytelling

- Maria Gabel - Great Plains Lutheran
 “The Hero of Holland”
- Kadee Davidson - Rosholt
 “Beowulf”
- Angelyn Allison - Freeman Academy
 “The Breadwinner”
- John Bowar - Faulkton Area
 “The Four Chaplains”
- Michelle Wiese - De Smet
 “The Children's Blizzard”



Class “B” Readers Theatre Superiors
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Class “B” Readers Theatre Superior Awards

Henry, “Election Day”

Collin Fuller, Chase Kelly, Rachel Blue, DeLaney Anderson

Colman-Egan, “Ode to Mothers”

Allison Olson, Amanda Lee, Jordan Wittrock

Menno, “Somewhere In America”

Hilaray Wade, Salome Carr, Carly Herrboldt

Mitchell Christian, “Book Of Awesome”

Nathanael Anderberg, Ahnna Cousins, Maggie Reynen, Allie Strong

Rosholt, “And That's the Way It Was”

Olivia Bartnick, Kymberlea Braun, Vanessa Klein, Ayden Ochs, Martina Ramos

De Smet, “High School Student Theater Showcase”

Aria Gruenhagen , Andrew Holland, Matthew Rusche, Carly Wiese, Michelle Wiese

Great Plains Lutheran, “Secret of Success”

Lydia Kratz, Norah Kratz, Bailey Wolff

James Valley Christian, “Photobomb”

McKenzie Hofer, Jordyn Cutshaw, Seth Mendel, Melissa Thompson, Julia Blom