

# 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.....	67
Number of entries .....	349

### REGION CONTESTS ("B" & "A" Schools)

Number of participating "A" schools .....	37
Number of entries from "A" schools .....	201
Number of participating "B" schools.....	58
Number of entries from "B" schools .....	189

### STATE FESTIVAL

Number of participating "AA" schools.....	15
Number of entries from "AA" schools.....	104
Number of participating "A" schools .....	15
Number of entries from "A" schools .....	105
Number of participating "B" schools .....	41
Number of entries from "B" schools .....	96

## 112th ANNUAL STATE ORAL INTERPRETATION FESTIVAL RESULTS

**Huron, South Dakota  
December 3-4, 2021**

The 2021 State Oral Interpretation Festival was held at Huron High School with students from 71 schools competing. During the Festival, the judges awarded 52 superiors to the Class "AA" competitors. The Class "A" competitors received 60 superior awards and Class "B" competitors earned 63 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, 14 Class "A" schools and 16 Class "B" schools received the Team Excellence Award plaques.

### **Class "AA" Team Excellence Awards**

Brandon Valley  
Brookings  
Sioux Falls Roosevelt  
Aberdeen Central  
Sioux Falls Washington  
Sturgis Brown  
Sioux Falls Lincoln



**2021 Class AA Team Excellence Awards**  
*(Photo courtesy of SDPB)*

## CLASS "AA" INDIVIDUAL SUPERIOR RATINGS



**Class "AA: Non-Original Oratory Superiors**  
(Photo courtesy of SDPB)

### Class "AA" Non-Original Oratory

Rachael Spencer – Brandon Valley  
 "The Optimism Bias"  
 Meridian Hailu – SF Jefferson  
 "2015 United Nations Speech"  
 Alayna Lemke – Sturgis Brown  
 "Save the World, Buy A Placemat"  
 Emily Helgeson – RC Stevens  
 "There's More to Life Than Being Happy"  
 Emma Cole – SF Lincoln  
 "Women and Other Monsters"  
 Jasmin Peitz – Yankton  
 "2018 Democratic Response to the State of the Union 'This is not who we are'"  
 Angelo Ceretto – Harrisburg  
 "The Transformative Power of Video Games"  
 John Hinrichs – SF Washington  
 "Harvey"



**Class "AA" Humorous Superiors**  
(Photo courtesy of SDPB)

### Class "AA" Humorous Reading

Carmen Huber – Aberdeen Central  
 "How to Stay Bitter in the Happiest of Times"  
 Alayna Lemke – Sturgis Brown  
 "Malcolm X. Jefferson Elementary Proudly Presents a 5th Grade Production of A Chorus Line"  
 Olivia Anderson – Brookings  
 "Like You Like It"  
 Jackson Klawonn – SF Lincoln  
 "Gums"  
 Rima Jamous – SF Washington  
 "Power Line: The Story of Mario, Me, and Your Mom"  
 Ian Candy – Brandon Valley  
 "Fully Committed"  
 Tiffany Kruse – SF Roosevelt  
 "Ruthless! The Musical"  
 Daniel Dunnigan – RC Stevens  
 "Dr. Wilderness"



**Class "AA" Serious Reading**  
(Photo courtesy of SDPB)

### Class "AA" Interpretation of Serious Reading

Sarai Gracia – SF Roosevelt  
 "The Color of Fire"  
 Daisy Lassodelavega – RC Stevens  
 "Scars"  
 Grace Davis – Brookings  
 "Dear Zoe"  
 Josie Kimball – SF Lincoln  
 "The Good Mother"  
 Ellen Joseph – Brandon Valley  
 "My Child, Mothers of War"  
 Sadie Raap – Aberdeen Central  
 "The Bridge"

**Class “AA” Storytelling**

Tyler Livermont – Brookings  
“The Secret Heart of The Tree”  
Jag Weyer – Sturgis Brown  
“The North Star”  
Meara McIntyre – SF Washington  
“Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Trans-  
formed a Neighborhood”  
Tara Rolph – Brandon Valley  
“Little Mole Finds Hope”  
Lily Lawrence – Yankton  
“Leo The Lightening Bug”  
Audrey Akkerman – SF Lincoln  
“Dream Big Little Pig”



**Class “AA” Storytelling**  
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**Class "AA" Poetry**  
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**Class “AA” Poetry Reading**

Christine Crouch - Aberdeen Central  
“It Takes a Village”  
Nic Schran - Brookings  
“You Are Safe here”  
Reese Duncan - SF Lincoln  
“Wild Embers”  
Jemma Landry - SF Roosevelt  
“Let The Survivors Speak”  
Hannah Dayaget - SF Washington  
“Behind Locked Doors: A Collection of Poetry  
About Being Gay and the Fear of Finally  
Coming Out”  
Ellen Joseph - Brandon Valley  
“I Miss You Everyday”  
Carlie Johnson - Sturgis Brown  
“Cap’n Crunch and 2% Milk”  
Teonna Randle - SF Jefferson  
“Black Girls Have Wings—A Collection”





**Class "AA" Duet Superiors**  
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**Class "AA" Duet Interpretation**

Sage Clark & Jenisha Gurung - SF Washington  
 "Play Dates"  
 Kyra Rivera & Arianna Edwards - SF Jefferson  
 "The Shape of a Girl"  
 Christine Crouch & Carmen Huber - Aberdeen Central  
 "Assault Toast"  
 Josie Kimball & Jackson Klawonn - SF Lincoln  
 "Open to Interpretation"  
 Hannah Hageman & Isaac Fode - Brandon Valley  
 "Puberty: The Game Show"  
 Noelle Dunn & Gerrit VonEye - Watertown  
 "Dr. Horrible's Sing-a-Long Book"  
 Grace Davis & Jasmine Anawki - Brookings  
 "The Unknown Part of the Ocean"  
 Logan Hammer & Parker Fitzgerald - Harrisburg  
 "Bottled Up"



**Class "AA" Readers Theatre Superior Performances**

Harrisburg, "Crummy Cops"  
 Angelo Ceretto, Parker Fitzgerald, Logan Hammer, Blake Hovaldt  
 SF Lincoln, "Eating Out"  
 Emma Cole, Reese Duncan, Audrey Akkerman  
 Sturgis Brown, "The Princess Bride"  
 Alayna Lemcke, Carlie Johnson, Jag Weyer, Brooke Holly  
 Watertown, "Motel California 3: The Cruise of Disney", Justine Schwanke, Lucas Saraceni  
 Gerrit VonEye, Noelle Dunn, Andrew Dalke, Vivian Hughes  
 Brandon Valley, "Spooky Dog and The Teenage Mystery Gang"  
 Aiden Kasten, Tara Rolph, Ellen Joseph, Ian Candy, Hannah Hageman  
 Sioux Falls Washington, "Quitters"  
 John Hinrichs, Sage Clark, Meara McIntyre, Jenisha Gurung, Noah Sorgdrager, Ariana Edwards  
 Brookings, "The Solve It Squad"  
 Olivia Anderson, Kaitlyn, Doom, Tyler Livermont, Gavin DuBray

## CLASS “A” STATE FESTIVAL RESULTS

### Class “A” Team Excellence Awards

Beresford  
Chamberlain  
Deuel  
Flandreau  
Great Plains Lutheran

Madison  
Milbank  
Rapid City Christian  
Sioux Falls Christian  
Sioux Valley

St. Thomas More  
Wagner  
West Central  
Winner



**2021 Class A Team Excellence Awards**  
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### Class “A” – Non-Original Oratory

Paige Enders - Chamberlain  
“How To Copoe With Anxiety”  
Ivy Lewno - Milbank  
“How To Spot a Liar”  
Zander Gilland - Lennox  
“A Call To Men”  
Kathryn Doom - Wagner  
“Steve Jobs’ 2005 Commencement Address”  
Justin Hausmann - Winner  
“Steve Jobs Stanford Commencement Speech”  
Alli Causey - RC Christian  
“Forgiveness”  
Charli Stamper - St. Thomas More  
“When it Hurts”  
Aadyn Crowley - Great Plains Lutheran  
“Don’t Ever Give Up”  
Katherine Comes - Madison  
“We Don’t Move On, We Move Forward”  
Audrey Prostrollo - West Central  
“Good Relationships Are The Key To Healing Trauma”



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

Halie Alstiel - RC Christian  
 “My Life in Babysitting”  
 Emily Hofer - West Central  
 “When Math Students Go Bad”  
 Brayden Squires - Sioux Valley  
 “The Game Show of Game Shows”  
 Jackson Cowles - Great Plains Lutheran  
 “The NSA’s Guide to Winning Friends and  
 Influencing People  
 Trenton Rolston - Wagner  
 “Geek Fight”  
 Blake Todd - SF Christian  
 “Crispy and His Left Hand”  
 Lyla Thompson - Flandreau  
 “From the Mouths of Babes”

**Class “A” Interpretation of Serious Reading**

Liberty Fischer - SF Christian  
 “When I Made Him Cry”  
 Brooke Schwagel - Milbank  
 “Normalcy”  
 Mariana Pitlick - Lead-Deadwood  
 “Dreamland”  
 Madisyn Kistler - West Central  
 “Through a Window”  
 Sophia Prostrullo - West Central  
 “Half and Half: from the Joy Luck Club”  
 Brooklyn Roozen - Flandreau  
 “Nice Boy”  
 Leah Williams - St. Thomas More  
 “Mick Harte was Herer”  
 Jennifer Barnett - Wagner  
 “I’ll Always Know Where You Are”  
 Jaden Martinell - Deuel  
 “Dear Jeffrey (An Unsigned Note to a Serial Killer  
 From a Former Classmate”  
 Noah Kratz - Great Plains Lutheran  
 “Still”  
 Elizabeth Russell—Aberdeen Roncalli  
 “Drinking, A Love Story”



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





**Class “A” Storytelling Superiors:**  
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**Class “A” Interpretation of Storytelling**

Haylee Cowles - Great Plains Lutheran  
“Peanut Butter and Cupcake”  
Emma Andrews - Beresford  
“Lily’s Purple Plastic Purse”  
Sophia Lunn - SF Christian  
“The Girl Who Thought in Pictures: The Story of Dr. Temple Grandin”  
Hailey Hupke - Milbank  
“Control”  
Araya Klockman - Deuel  
“The Little Engine That Could”  
Christina Plenty Wounds - Little Wound  
“The Gold Finch”



**Class “A” Poetry Superior Award Winners**  
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**Class A – Poetry Reading**

Cassie Richarz— Sioux Valley  
“Rupi Kaur Collection”  
Emma Powers - SF Christian  
“Exposed Roots”  
Malia Flores - St. Thomas More  
“And the Psych Ward Says...”  
Isabella Cosato - Redfield  
“Sylvia Plath Selections”  
Keira Heider - West Central  
“Journey Through Fear”  
Emma Andrews - Beresford  
“Flattened Fauna...Stop and Eat”  
Jennifer Barnett - Wagner  
“Poems on Empowering Women”  
Elijah Eastman - Bon Homme  
“Cat in the Hat”  
Shadia Dakam - Chamberlain  
“Identity Poems”  
Olivia Zanto - Great Plains Lutheran  
“Growing Up Girl”



**Class “A” Duet Superiors**  
(Photo courtesy of SDPB)

**Class “A” – Duet Interpretation**

Amanda Edwards & Addi Heenan - Winner  
“And The Winner Is...”  
Charli Stamper & Allison Burmeister—St. Thomas More  
“The Battle of Brown and Whitmore”  
Elena Andrews & Max Josko—Beresford  
“Open to Interpretation”  
Norah Kratz & Jackson Cowles—Great Plains Lutheran  
“The Boy Who Breathed Fire”  
Isabell Gourneau & Gabriela Morales-Gil—Flandreau  
“Metamorph”  
Lilly Tolley & Ellie Studer—Madison  
“Flight 212 to LA”  
Suki Ford & Justin Mancini—Vermillion  
“Western Civilization and the Complete Musical”  
Emily Hofer & Elijah Hoey—West Central  
“The BigBad Wolf Gets Busted”  
Haylee Bohnet & Devin Thielen—Sioux Valley  
“The Art of Theatre”



**Class “A” Readers Theatre Superior Performances**  
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St. Thomas More—”The Day the Crayons Quit”  
Malia Flores, Leah Williams, Alya Richards, William Greene, Victoria Verhey  
Elk Point-Jefferson—”Ghost Pirate Tax Evasion”  
Abigail Olsen, Caleb Niles, Anne Quam, Jacob Peirce  
Flandreau—”The Fall of Solomon Slime”  
Matthew Drietz, Austin Kulm, Brooklyn Roozen, Liam Streitz, Drew Bamba, Lyla Thompson  
West Central—”Calculated Risk”  
Kamden Knudson, Blake Stark, Emily Hofer, Keira Heider, Lauren Murphy, Eliot Nielsen  
Great Plains Lutheran—”10,000 Cigarettes”  
Haylee Cowles, Emma Kanzenbach, Norah Kratz, Olivia Zanto  
Rapid City Christian—”Regina Flector Wins the Science Fair”  
Halie Alstiel, Alli Causey, Luke Emrich, Harrison Weber  
Mobridge-Pollock—”Junie B Jones is Not A Crook”  
Gretchen Olson, Ava Stoick, Emma Keller, Mariah Goering  
Madison—”Swimming to Cambodia”  
Ellie Studer, Lilly Tolley, Alex Collins, Hannah Meyer



## CLASS “B” STATE FESTIVAL RESULTS

### Class “B” Team Excellence Awards

Arlington  
Avon  
Britton-Hecla  
Castlewood  
Chester Area

DeSmet  
Ethan  
Faulkton Area  
Freeman Academy  
Gregory

Henry  
James Valley Christian  
Miller  
Rosholt  
Timber Lake  
Warner



**2021 Class B Team Excellence Awards**  
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**Class “B” Non-Original Oratory Superiors**  
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### Class “B” Non-Original Oratory

Isabell Sees - Irene-Wakonda  
“Don’t Shy Away From Ignorance”  
Mia Fernandez—Kadoka Area  
“Lessons in Finding Happiness in Hard Times”  
Sawyer Holzer - Timber Lake  
“Coddling of the American Mind”  
Bridget Thomas - Kimball  
“Dear (White) Equestrians”  
Katelyn Mehlhaff - Frederick Area  
“Confessions of a Depressed Comic”  
Samuela Ndongosieme—Freeman Academy  
“Fall Forward”  
Regan Ringkob—Britton-Hecla  
“You’re Not Special”  
Claire Mellegaard - Ethan  
“100 Day Without Fear”

### **Class “B” Humorous Readings**

Ashley Tolsma - Avon  
“Aw Nuts!”  
Brenen Brandenburg - Canistota  
“Cemetery Vandalism and the Regular Guy”  
Eli Barreto - Gregory  
“Theseus”  
Dillon Browning - Warner  
“Accumulating Cats”  
William Schuller - Britton-Hecla  
“The Avenging Death Killer of Doom”  
Lila Besler - Bison  
“Enemy Pie”  
William ElKadi - Rosholt  
“8 Simple Rules for Dating My Daughter”  
Zoe Siebersma - Arlington  
“The Dating Game”  
Payson Gohn - Wolsey-Wessington  
“Jogging With My Wife”  
Matthew Rusche - DeSmet  
“Chicken Soup for the College Soul”  
Alyssa Fink - Freeman Academy  
“Lives of the Great Waitresses”  
Sam Grabowska - Ipswich  
“Graduation”  
Kade Lutt - Dell Rapids St. Mary  
“Any Junior’s Nightmare”



**Class “B” Humorous Reading Superiors**  
*(Photo courtesy of SDPB)*



**Class “B” Serious Reading Superiors**  
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### **Class “B” Interpretation of Serious Reading**

Regan Ringkob - Britton-Hecla  
“Beauty: When the Other Dancer is the Self”  
Nevaeh Kee - Faulkton  
“Perfect”  
Zoe Siebersma - Arlington  
“Multiple Personality Murder”  
Alyssa Dix - Lemmon  
“Tell-Tale Heart”  
McKenzie Hofer - James Valley Christian  
“Out of My Mind”  
Sawyer Holzer - Timber Lake  
“The Last Promise”  
Reece Loewe - Avon  
“The Women of Lockerbie”



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

Willem Lim—DeSmet  
“Darkness”  
Karisma Rensch - Coman-Egan  
“Dark Daughter”  
Aaron Castonguay - Miller  
“Human: What Makes Me Real”  
Cassidy Biel - Britton-Hecla  
“Story on Page Six”  
Payton Carroll - Castlewood  
“Two Poems by Sarah Kay”  
Salome Carr - Menno  
“Lost and Found”  
Ravyn Oliver - Gregory  
“Imagine and OCD”



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

Raegan Hoff & Emily Brown - Chester  
“Funeral Arrangements”  
Collin Fuller & Chase Kelly - Henry  
“Sandwich Bags: Wear Them on Your Pants”  
William Schuller & Carter Effling - Britton-Hecla  
“Who’s On First”  
Colin Pennings & Jacob Woerner - Corsica-Stickney  
“The Duet Show”  
Leah Aderhold & Grace Cordell - Castlewood  
“A.C.C.”  
Kimmy Tolsma & Ashley Tolsma - Avon  
“The History of Mankind”  
Caden Letsche & Grace Parry - Arlington  
“The Prettiest Girl in LayFayette County”  
Aaron Castonguay & Sara Jessen - Miller  
“The Proposal”  
Lydia Hill & Taryn Kenzy - Sully Buttes  
“End of the Movie”  
Ben Amundson & Dawson Hess - Wall  
“Better Football Through High School Chemistry”

**Class “B” Storytelling**

Lorena Misar - Arlington  
“Quilters”  
Christian Spann - Gregory  
“Wisp”  
Jakeb Hunter - Castlewood  
“Winter’s Gift”  
KD Davidson - Rosholt  
“The Pit and the Pendulum”  
Mikayla Browning - Warner  
“The Fortunate King”  
Anna Mellegaard - Ethan  
“If Only I Hd a Green Nose”  
McKenzie Hofer - James Valley Christian  
“I’ll Rise and Fight Again”  
Alyssa Fink - Freeman Academy  
“The Cat I Never Named”  
Sarah Swier - Avon  
“The Power of Flight”



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

Gregory, “The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon”

Christian Spann, Anna Dargatz, Dakota Timanus, Nancy Khuu, Gracie Kenzy, Jaden Graber

Timber Lake, “Spin”

Sawyer Holzer, Natalie Schoeppner, Meredith Maciejewski, Natalie Lawrence, Lola Hornick

James Valley Christian, “How To Talk Minnesotan

McKenzie Hofer, Melissa Thompson, Lexi VanDeHey, Luke VanDeHay, Jonathan Koel

Britton-Hecla, “Change The World By Making Your Bed”

Regan Ringkob, Katee Freeman, Ashlyn Casey, Cassidy Biel

Faulkton Area, “Death By Public Speaking”

Simon Bowar, Alex Sorensen, Bailey Hustead, Haley Sprenger

Castlewood, “What Is Love?”

Lea Aderhold, Payton Carroll, Grace Cordell, Jakeb Hunter, Dorian Sikkink

Henry, “A Little Breezy Down Below”

Collin Fuller, DeLaney Anderson, Tehya Grode, Chase Kelly

Chester Area, “Monte Python and the Holy Grail”

Connor Bates, Macie Pitts, Kennedy Foster, Mara Seeley, Katrina Kenton, Rachel Lindholm