



## *Bayonne Board Of Education Elementary Forensics Competition*

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### **BAYONNE BOARD OF EDUCATION HOLDS ANNUAL ELEMENTARY FORENSICS COMPETITION**

On Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, the Bayonne Board of Education held its annual Elementary Forensics Competition at Midtown Community School. Each of the eleven District elementary schools participated in this competition.

Forensics is an academic event based on public speaking, debate and argumentative discussion. Under the guidance of their dedicated coaches, students participating in Forensics are taking the first step towards achieving this competition's challenging goals.

Leaders in our society are consistently the best speakers, regardless of the field that they are in. From elementary school all the way to CEO, those who can speak confidently are deeply admired by their peers.

Each participant had the opportunity to choose from 5 categories; **Oral Interpretation:** the performance of literature, which includes poetry, prose, and drama; **Dramatic Interpretation:** the performance of a dramatic work from a published play, novel, or short story; **Duo Interpretation:** the performance of a short literary piece, which may include published short stories, plays, or poems by two students; **Declamation:** the presentation of a speech that was once delivered by a famous person; and **Original Oratory:** the performance of a an original speech on a subject of a student's choice.

This competition is made possible due to the steadfast support of Bayonne's educational leader, Superintendent, Dr. Patricia L. McGeehan. Additionally, during the awards presentation, Assistant Superintendent Robert Craig congratulated each student for achieving success through months of preparation and three rounds of tough competition. Mr. Craig distributed trophies to the winners along with Leo J. Smith, Jr., Assistant Superintendent/Business Administrator and Dr. Dennis Degnan.

This academic event brought a total of 176 students together in competition, and the results are as follows:

## **DECLAMATION**

### **GRADE 7 WINNERS**

First Place	Loubna Maachi	Nicholas Oresko School
First Place	Sofia Polishchuk	Nicholas Oresko School
Second Place	Alike Mehra	Nicholas Oresko School
Third Place	Justin Greene	Midtown Community School

### **GRADE 8 WINNERS**

First Place	Salma Abdalla	Henry E. Harris School
First Place	Crystal Smith	Midtown Community School
Second Place	Yesenia Argueta	Horace Mann School
Second Place	Celine Mercedes	Mary J. Donohue School
Second Place	Eman Abdalla	Woodrow Wilson School
Third Place	Bridget Sweeney	Henry E. Harris School

## **DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION**

### **GRADE 7 WINNERS**

First Place	Anna Rezk	Henry E. Harris School
Second Place	Shakiba Namjou	Midtown Community School
Third Place	Antin Demko	Nicholas Oresko School

### **GRADE 8 WINNERS**

First Place	Ashley Bishop	Woodrow Wilson School
First Place	Jamie DeDominico	Dr. Walter F. Robinson School
First Place	Reda Mimoumi	Woodrow Wilson School
First Place	Vittoria Orlando	Nicholas Oresko School
First Place	Alyssa Sanchez	Henry E. Harris School
Second Place	Alana Payne	Nicholas Oresko School
Second Place	Annie Panageas	Nicholas Oresko School
Third Place	Juliana Yeung	Lincoln Community School

## **DUO INTERPRETATION**

### **GRADE 7 WINNERS**

First Place	Ashley Valencia/Ghita Mimoumi	Woodrow Wilson School
Second Place	Jassie Morcos/Abigail Kowal	Washington Community School
Third Place	Nira Abouelkheir/ Jada Moody	Horace Mann School

### **GRADE 8 WINNERS**

First Place	Casey Popwski/Danielle Kaniewski	Nicholas Oresko School
Second Place	Cristina Casais/Sandra Zaky	Henry E. Harris School
Second Place	Hasumi Hayashi/Lauren Soriano	Mary J. Donohue School
Third Place	Jessalyn Mainster/Jessica Randall	John M. Bailey School
Third Place	Mary Azer/Danisha Jones	Washington Community School
Third Place	Kayla Feuer/Madisyn James	Woodrow Wilson School
Third Place	Vivian Guilfoyle/KaeryRivas	Woodrow Wilson School

## **ORAL INTERPRETATION**

### **GRADE 7 WINNERS**

First Place	Katelyn Seecharan	Dr. Walter F. Robinson School
Second Place	Mary Marcos	Dr. Walter F. Robinson School
Third Place	Ghenwa Hassan	Henry E. Harris School

### **GRADE 8 WINNERS**

First Place	Emma Kostenbader	Dr. Walter F. Robinson School
Second Place	Shadai Mayo	Philip G. Vroom School
Third Place	Bishoy Rizk	Dr. Walter F. Robinson School
Third Place	Joseph Fracasso	Washington Community School

## **ORIGINAL ORATORY**

### **GRADE 7 WINNERS**

First Place	Emily Gill	Horace Mann School
First Place	Alexia Cane	Horace Mann School
First Place	Lianne Wilson	Dr. Walter F. Robinson School
Second Place	Jonas Gomes	Midtown Community School

### **GRADE 8 WINNERS**

First Place	Sigrid Cruz	Dr. Walter F. Robinson School
Second Place	Sarah Shaeen	Dr. Walter F. Robinson School
Third Place	Leslie Marie Jimenez	Horace Mann School