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BAYONNE BOARD OF EDUCATION HOLDS
ANNUAL ELEMENTARY FORENSICS COMPETITION

On Monday, April 15th, and Wednesday, April 17th, 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 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  Shakibam 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