



BAYONNE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Forensics Competition

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BAYONNE BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ITS ANNUAL ELEMENTARY FORENSICS COMPETITION

On Tuesday, May 18th, and Thursday, May 20th, the Bayonne Board of Education held its Annual Elementary Forensics Competition at Public School # 14. All eleven elementary schools participated in this event that took courage and creativity. Forensics is an activity based on public speaking; debate; or argumentative discussion. The audience was comprised of: parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, principals, teachers and administrators who offered support to our contestants. Dr. Patricia L. McGeehan, Superintendent of Schools, gave words of encouragement and congratulations, and trophies to the winners.

Each public elementary school has a Forensics Club (Public Speaking) and a coach (a certified teacher). Each participant had the opportunity to choose from 5 categories: **Oral Interpretation**-is the reading out loud of literature, this includes poetry, prose, and drama; **Dramatic Interpretation**-the student memorizes and acts out a scene from a play and can portray more than one person, **Duo Interpretation** -two students act out a scene from a play or a book; **Declamation**-the student must memorize and give a speech that was once delivered by a famous person; **Original Oratory**-student must write and give an oral speech. Our event brought a total of 137 students together in competition, and the results are as follows:

ORIGINAL ORATORY

1st Place Jordan Pratkanis
2nd Place Varsha Ramsumair

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1st Place Victoria Gajdziz
Sumer Elganbaihy
Martina Zaki
2nd Place Aya Elamroussi
3rd Place Alyssa Lucarello

GRADE 7

Henry E. Harris School
Public School # 14

GRADE 8

Public School #14
Midtown Community School
Midtown Community School
Robinson
Public School #14

DECLAMATION

1st Place Chanelle Colon
2nd Place Raina Noubani
3rd Place Jesse Wolleon

DECLAMATION

1st Place Timothy Amin
2nd Place Carmella Trapp
3rd Place David Centeno
 Jonathan Castaldo
 James Ryan

DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION

1st Place Marc Wright
2nd Place Christopher Kuczynski
3rd Place Alexis O'Callahan

DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION

1st Place Hareen Bahader
 Estela Nieto
2nd Place Sara Zaimi
3rd Place Erynn Conroy

ORAL INTERPRETATION

1st Place Michael Zawistowski
2nd Place Ida Behreini
 Giselle David
3rd Place Brandon Rodigo

ORAL INTERPRETATION

1st Place Jasmine Young
 Amina Mahrovch
2nd Place Fatma Siddikue
3rd Place Tyng Pan

DUO INTERPRETATION

1st Place Kristen Kaldas/Kiran Ali
 Elizabeth Boyle/Sarah Gill
2nd Place Melanie Suarez/Jackie Alcantara
 Mayar Abdelmeguia/Abigail Ostorva
 Alyssa Baez/Jacqueline Catanio
3rd Place Sally Elias/Emily Szymanski

GRADE 7

Washington Community School
Midtown Community School
Midtown Community School

GRADE 8

Henry Harris School
Mary J. Donohoe
Washington Community School
Horace Mann School
Public School #14

GRADE 7

Public School #14
Horace Mann
Public School #14

GRADE 8

Woodrow Wilson School
Henry Harris School
Midtown Community School
Woodrow Wilson School

GRADE 7

Walter F. Robinson
Washington Community School
Walter F. Robinson
Philip G. Vroom School

GRADE 8

Woodrow Wilson School
Woodrow Wilson School
Woodrow Wilson School
Dr. Walter F. Robinson School

GRADE 7

Washington Community School
Public School #14
Lincoln Community School
Henry Harris School
Public School # 14
Public School #14

DUO INTERPRETATION

1st Place

Lucia Simova/Megan Winters

Joyce Elias/Katerina Nozhenko

2nd Place

Alenandra Domanski/Taylor Seibel

3rd Place

Brittany Acevedo/Gabriella Catanio

Emma Franconeri/Rita Portenti

GRADE 8

Public School # 14

Public School #14

Midtown Community School

Midtown Community School

Public School #14