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Nantucket High School announces the winners of the SCHOOL contest of Poetry Out Loud™.

The student winner is Gabriella Fee. First runner-up is Ella Scott, with Honorable Mention going to Anna Popnikolova, Áille Sweeney, and Kipper Buccino.

Poetry Out Loud—presented in partnership with the Huntington Theater Company of Boston, MA, National Endowment for the Arts, and Poetry Foundation—is a national arts education program that encourages the study of great poetry by offering free educational materials and a dynamic recitation competition for high school students across the country. Since the program began in 2005, more than four million students across the country have participated in Poetry Out Loud.

During the week of January 10th -14th, students participated in an online version of the Poetry Out Loud contest at Nantucket High School. These students recited works selected from an anthology of more than 1,100 poems. Judges evaluated student performances on criteria including voice and articulation, evidence of understanding, and accuracy. The National Endowment for the Arts and Poetry Foundation have created free, standards-based curriculum materials to support Poetry Out Loud including a teacher's guide, lesson plans, an online anthology, posters, and video and audio on the art of recitation. These resources are available for free at PoetryOutLoud.org

Gabriella Fee will advance to the Massachusetts Poetry Out Loud virtual contest on Friday, February 11, 2022. The Massachusetts champion will receive \$200 and will advance to the national finals next spring where \$50,000 in awards and school/organizational stipends will be distributed. The representing school or organization of the state champion will receive \$500 for the purchase of poetry materials. The first runner-up in each state will receive \$100, with \$200 for their school or organization. The Poetry Foundation provides and administers all aspects of the monetary prizes awarded and travel arrangements (when necessary) for the Poetry Out Loud National Finals.

To learn more about the Massachusetts Poetry Out Loud contest, contact [Massachusetts Poetry Out Loud at the Huntington Theater Company](#).