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Dover, Del. (February 28, 2018) – From a competitive field of 12 Delaware high school students, Samuel McGarvey, a sophomore from Tall Oaks Classical School, earned the title of 2018 Poetry Out Loud Delaware State Champion at the state finals held in Dover, Del. on Feb. 27. The first runner-up was Dounya Ramadan from Newark Charter Jr./Sr. High School and the second runner-up was Richard Matthews from Dover High School.

McGarvey's final recitation, [*I Remember, I Remember*](#) by Thomas Hood, earned him high marks with the judges.

For his winning presentation, McGarvey will receive \$200 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington with a chaperone to compete at the national championship on April 23-25. Tall Oaks Classical School will receive a \$500 stipend for the purchase of poetry materials. Dounya Ramadan, the first runner-up will receive \$100, and Newark Charter Jr./Sr. High School will receive \$200 for its school library.

The Poetry Out Loud state competition, sponsored by the Delaware Division of the Arts in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, is part of a national program that encourages high school students to learn about great poetry through memorization, performance, and competition.

To learn more about the State Finalists and for hi-res photos from the event, please see our page [here](#). For hi-res photos, please contact [Leeann Wallett](#).



Back Row: Andrew Dingwall, Melina Hudson, Dounya Ramadan, Avery Chambers, Matthew Byer, Tyler Keeler Front Row: Chelsea Anokye-Agyei, Julian Clark, Giovani Malcolm, First Lady Tracey Quillen Carney, Richard Matthews, Whitney Grinnage-Cassidy, Samuel McGarvey. Photo: Joe del Tufo

About Poetry Out Loud

The Delaware Division of the Arts sponsors the *Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation Contest* program in Delaware schools and the state finals. Competition begins at the classroom level in the fall and culminates with the state finals each spring. Twenty schools and over 2,000 Delaware students participated in the *Poetry Out Loud* program in the current academic year. The *Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation Contest* competition is presented in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation.

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