

# The Delaware Division of the Arts to Host Annual Poetry Out Loud State Competition

## Twenty students to compete to advance to National Finals in Washington, DC

Dover, Del. (January 30, 2019) –The free recitation contest will start with a [semi-final competition](#) at Modern Maturity Center, Dover on Tuesday, February 5 at 7 p.m. This year's semi-finals judges are:

- **Jamie Brunson**, Executive Director, First Person Arts, Philadelphia
- **Sherry Gage Chappelle**, 2016 Individual Artist Fellow: Poetry
- **Russell Endo**, 2011 Individual Artist Fellow: Poetry
- **Maggie Rowe**, 2016 Individual Artist Fellow: Poetry
- **James Weiler**, English/Language Arts Instructor, Woodbridge High School

Twelve finalists will move on to compete at the [state finals](#) to be held at Smyrna Opera House on Tuesday, February 26 at 7 p.m. (snow date: Tuesday, March 5, 2019). The finalists will compete for the opportunity to represent Delaware and advance to the National Finals in Washington, DC from April 29 – May 1, 2019, where \$50,000 in awards and school stipends will be distributed.

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# 2019 Delaware State Semi-Finalists

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>
Landon Hayes	Cape Henlopen High School
Jo Griffin	Concord High School
Emma Elliott	Dover High School
Chelsea Anokye-Agyei	Hodgson Vo-Tech High School
Amy Garcia-Perez	Indian River High School
Tyler Keeler	Laurel Senior High School
Sarah Stevenson	Milford Senior High School
Nadia Sheikh	MOT Charter High School
Daniel Johnson	Mount Sophia Academy
Megan Chen	Newark Charter High School
Ashton Driver	Red Lion Christian Academy
Anne Rosenthal	Sanford School
Alex Dornenburg	Seaford Senior High School
Liliana Yenovkian	Sussex Academy of the Arts & Sciences
Brandon Greenlee	Sussex Central High School
Charmaine Pasicolan	St. Mark's High School
Samuel McGarvey	Tall Oaks Classical School
Catherine Enslin	Ursuline Academy
Mariela Rivero	Wilmington Christian School
James Tallman	Wilmington Friends School

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**About the Delaware Division of the Arts**

The Delaware Division of the Arts is an agency of the State of Delaware. Together with its advisory body, the Delaware State Arts Council, the Division administers grants and programs that support arts programming, educate the public, increase awareness of the arts, and integrate the arts into all facets of Delaware life. Funding for Division programs is provided by annual appropriations from the Delaware General Assembly and grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. For more information about the Delaware Division of the Arts, visit [arts.delaware.gov](http://arts.delaware.gov) or call 302-577-8278. Image: 2018 *Award Winners* exhibition at the Biggs Museum. Painting (right) by Thomas del Porte, 2018 Established Professional, Visual Arts: painting

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