

# EDUHSD E-News

## **February 5, 2018**

#### 2017-2018 El Dorado County Poetry Out Loud

El Dorado Arts Council presents the 9th annual Poetry Out Loud El Dorado County Finals at the Imagination Theater in Placerville, Ca. The competition, presented in partnership with the California Arts Council, the Poetry Foundation, and National Endowment for the Arts, is part of a national program that encourages high school students to learn about great poetry through memorization, performance, and competition. On Friday, February 9 at 7 pm, six high school students from throughout the county will compete to be named the El Dorado County Poetry Out Loud Champion and move on to the California Poetry Out Loud State Finals competition which will take place on the floor of the Assembly in the State Capitol Building on March 18 and 19, 2018.

Poetry Out Loud is a national arts education program that encourages the study of great poetry by offering educational materials and a dynamic recitation competition to high schools across the country. Poetry Out Loud uses a pyramid structure. Beginning at the classroom level, winners advance to a school-wide competition, county competition, then to the state competition, and ultimately to the National Finals in Washington, DC. More than 310,000 students from 2,300 high schools took part in the 2016–2017 Poetry Out Loud program.

Over the past two months over 1000 students in high schools throughout El Dorado County have been memorizing, reciting and competing in classroom and schoolwide competitions in preparation for the County Finals. Six students have risen to the top to compete in the county finals: Sarah Elizabeth Allen, sophomore at El Dorado High School; Emma Rose Forbes, senior



at Oak Ridge High School; Charis Gruber, senior at Independence High School; Jana Hudak, senior at Union Mine High School; Jordan Soto, senior at Charter University Prep; and Kaitlyn Stahl, senior at Ponderosa High School. "The importance of poetry recitation is hard to quantify," said Andrew Vonderschmitt, program manager at El Dorado Arts Council, "It helps students learn important deductive skills, and teaches confidence and memorization techniques which will be useful throughout their lives. But poetry is so much more. It shines a light on the human condition, it makes the reader look deeper and develop critical thinking skills. An experience like Poetry Out Loud will stay with a student for the rest of his or her life." Good luck everyone!

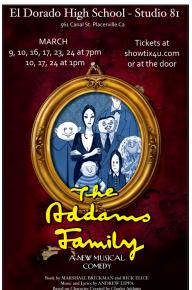


#### Women in Sports Conference

Shelley Bishop, EDHS's PE teacher, did a great job coordinating a field trip to Lodi for the Women in Sports Conference provided by the CIF. The EDHS Athletic Boosters Club helped to fund this trip. (Left) Gold medalist Kimberly Graham-Miller with student athletes at EDHS including Mekenzi Byers, Hayley Kull, Katie Ryan, Daily Applegarth, Shelby Mahaffey, & Isabella Fusano). They were also pictured with former pro basketball player, Danielle Viglione (Right).



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