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POETRY OUT LOUD
NATIONAL RECITATION CONTEST

# POETRY OUT LOUD

Dear Fellow Nevadans:

On behalf of the Governor and the people of Nevada, I am pleased to introduce you to the 2012 Poetry Out Loud National Recitation Project here in the Silver State. This year, more than 2,000 students, teachers, parents, and poetry supporters and judges have taken the time to share their thoughts and express their dreams in verse.

Poetry brings together the best components of artistic expression. It can be a demonstration of the freedom of speech we cherish, and it can spark the kind of creativity that changes the lives of young people. Poetry, the arts, and literacy are important components of our lives. Brian and I enjoy reading to our own children, just as we enjoy all kinds of public performances and artistic expression, both formal and informal.

I hope you will join our family today and throughout the year in showing your support for the arts and creativity throughout Nevada.

Thank you for being a part of this event.

Sincere regards,

*Kathleen Sandoval*
First Lady of Nevada

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# Nevada Poetry Out Loud State Finals

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Carson City
Churchill County
Clark County
Douglas County
Elko County
Humboldt County
Lincoln County
Lyon County
Mineral County
Nye County
Pershing County
Storey County
Washoe County

# WELCOME

Tim Jones, Chair, Nevada Arts Council Board – Master of Ceremonies

## INTRODUCTION OF JUDGES AND STUDENTS

Tim Jones

### ROUND 1

1. Elko
2. Churchill
3. Douglas
4. Humboldt
5. Pershing
6. Carson City
7. Nye
8. Lyon
9. Storey
10. Washoe
11. Clark
12. Mineral
13. Lincoln

### ROUND 2

1. Washoe
2. Elko
3. Humboldt
4. Nye
5. Pershing
6. Lyon
7. Churchill
8. Lincoln
9. Douglas
10. Clark
11. Mineral
12. Carson City
13. Storey

### ROUND 3

Top three finalists

## READING

Gailmarie Pahmeier, poet

## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Susan Boskoff, Executive Director, Nevada Arts Council
Jill Berryman, President, Nevada Alliance for Arts Education

## FINAL COMMENTS

Tim Jones

## RECEPTION

All are invited!

# THE NEVADA POETRY OUT LOUD PROGRAM

The literary arts have always been a figure in the western landscape so it is no surprise that Nevada Poetry Out Loud (POL) continues to power up enthusiasm and excitement. Structured similarly to the National Spelling Bee, Poetry Out Loud (POL) begins in communities throughout the state as students in public, private, charter and home schools master public-speaking skills, build self-confidence and learn about their literary heritage through the memorization of classic and contemporary poetry. After district competitions, semi-finalists compete at the Nevada State Finals where the stakes are high. The Nevada POL State Champion receives $1,000, wins $1,000 for his or her school to support literary programs and travels to Washington, D.C. to compete for $50,000 in scholarships and school prizes at the National Finals. Those placing second and third place at the Nevada State Finals each receive $500 and $500 for his or her school.

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In our first year of POL in 2005, all high schools across the state were invited to participate. Nearly 200 students, teachers, coaches and parents in 10 counties joined, and the sponsors—Nevada Arts Council, Nevada Alliance for Arts Education and Nevada Department of Education—were thrilled with the turnout. In 2011, the Sixth Annual POL engaged more than 2,500 students, teachers and coaches representing 15 of Nevada's 16 counties with high schools. Now that's poetry power!

## Sponsors

2012 Nevada Poetry Out Loud is a partnership program of the Nevada Arts Council, Nevada Alliance for Arts Education, Nevada Department of Education, National Endowment for the Arts and The Poetry Foundation, with support from NV Energy. The Poetry Out Loud National Recitation Contest develops the next generation of literary readers by capitalizing on the resurgence of poetry as an oral art form, as seen in the slam poetry movement and the immense popularity of rap music among youth. Read more at poetryoutloud.org.

## Powering Up Nevada – The 2012 Nevada Poetry Out Loud State Finals

Thanks to the generous support from NV Energy, 2012 POL continues as a statewide program for all high-school aged students. "NV Energy is pleased to enable young people from throughout Nevada to experience the power of the spoken word through poetry and verse. We support Poetry Out Loud because we believe that words transform our world," said Mary Simmons, NV Energy Vice President of External Strategy. NV Energy's support insured district semi-finals for rural counties and helped launch a new initiative – *2012 Powering Up Poetry: Poets in Residence*. Poets Shaun Griffin and Gailmarie Pahmeier personalized poetry workshops for students in Battle Mountain, Virginia City, Elko, Carson City, Winnemucca and Hawthorne. Teachers and students responded so positively, we hope to expand POL Poets in Residence in 2013.

## National Finals in Washington, D.C.

Again this year, several hundred thousand high school students across the nation participated in Poetry Out Loud. In mid-May, the Nevada State Champion and his/her chaperone will travel to Washington, D.C. to vie against extraordinary competitors from each state and territory at the National Finals on May 13–15. These remarkable students attend a number of events while in the nation's capitol, with the final competition hosted by the Harman Center for the Arts.

# POEMS & POETS

For the Nevada State Finals, each student is required to prepare three poems for recitation that have been selected from an anthology prepared by the National Endowment for the Arts and The Poetry Foundation. The poems chosen by each student are listed below in the order in which they will recite them. Deciding on the recitation order is a strategic decision that the students must make. All students will recite one poem in Round 1 and one poem in Round 2. Only three students will advance to Round 3.

**CARSON CITY | ADRIANA AVITIA**
*A Fit of Rhyme against Rhyme* by Ben Jonson
*Ah! Why, Because the Dazzling Sun* by Emily Jane Brontë
*Abandoned Farmhouse* by Ted Kooser

**CHURCHILL | TROY HANSBERRY**
*The Author to Her Book* by Anne Bradstreet
*The Jabberwocky* by Lewis Carroll
*What Lips My lips Have Kissed, and Where, and Why* by Edna St. Vincent Millay

**CLARK | MANDY TITOLO**
*The Larger* by Joanie Mackowski
*Life in a Love* by Robert Browning
*Ego* by Denise Duhamel

**DOUGLAS | JORDAN SULLIVAN**
*Here* by Joshua Mehigan
*Dover Beac*h by Matthew Arnold
*Glass* by A.R. Ammons

**ELKO | GRACIELA MAYA-JOSEPH**
*Heaven* by Cathy Song
*Revenge* by Letitia Elizabeth Landon
*Early Affection* by George Moses Horton

**HUMBOLDT | RACHEL FRENCH**
*Fairy-tale Logic* by A.E. Stallings
*Solitude* by Ella Wheeler Wilcox
*The Spider and the Fly* by Mary Howitt

**LINCOLN | HELEN CAMILLE WADSWORTH**
*When in Disgrace with Fortune and Men's Eyes* by William Shakespeare
*We Wear the Mask* by Paul Laurence Dunbar
*The Jabberwocky* by Lewis Carroll

**LYON | NICK BEATON**
*Mingus at the Showplace* by William Matthews
*It Couldn't be Done* by Edgar Albert Guest
*A Red, Red Rose* by Robert Burns

**MINERAL | CAITLIN TENNILLE WILLSON**
*What Lips My Lips Have Kissed, and Where, and Why* by Edna St. Vincent Millay
*The Maid's Lament* by Walter Savage Landor
*In the Desert* by Stephen Crane

**NYE | JENNIFER SIMON**
*Anyone Lived in a Pretty How Town* by e.e. cummings
*Dirge without Music* by Edna St. Vincent Millay
*Revenge* by Letitia Elizabeth Landon

**PERSHING | ERIKA TERRY**
*Angels* by B.H. Fairchild
*Shiloh: A Requiem* (April, 1862) by Herman Melville
*Ego* by Denise Duhamel

**STOREY | CELINA JOY LLERA**
*We Wear the Mask* by Paul Laurence Dunbar
*I am Learning to Abandon the World* by Linda Pastan
*Dover Beach* by Matthew Arnold

**WASHOE | KATIE LYNN IBERSHOFF**
*Luna Bedeker* by Mina Loy
*I am Offering This Poem* by Jimmy Santiago Baca
*I Felt a Funeral in my Brain* by Emily Dickinson

# FINALISTS

## CARSON CITY

### Adriana Avitia

**Senior**
***Carson High School***
**Ron Beck, Principal**

Adriana was born in Hawaii, the youngest of four girls in a Mexican-American family. She enjoys writing poetry as much as she loves reciting it. She feels that poetry is one of the best ways to express emotions. For years, poetry has touched her heart and has inspired her to write songs on the ukulele, guitar and piano. Another big passion in her life is musical theatre. She has recently performed the role of Mulan in Disney's "Mulan," and is currently playing the role of Elle Woods in "Legally Blonde the Musical" at Carson Performing Arts. Adriana would like to thank her drama teacher, Karen Chandler; her parents, Tina and Tony; her sisters, Marisela, Veronika and Angelina; and her best friend, Hannah Hartman.

## CHURCHILL COUNTY

### Troy Hansberry

**Junior**
***Churchill County High School***
**Kevin Lords, Principal**

Troy attends Churchill County High School in Fallon, Nevada, and is a high hopeful dreamer. He is a high hopeful dreamer that plans on owning a large shipping business and designing cars, spacecraft, and military weapons. He is a junior and has been approved for early graduation. Troy plans on going to the Academy of Art University in San Francisco, pursuing a career in 3D animation and industrial design. Troy would like to thank his school librarian and friend, Grace Ernst; his English teacher, Tori Pace; his POL coordinator, Myke Nelson; his friend and runner-up in the Fallon competition, Katie Mills; his grandmother, Lea Hansberry; and his friend who provided great feedback, Angela Hjerstedt.

## CLARK COUNTY

### Mandy Titolo

**Senior**
***College of Southern Nevada High School–West***
**Dennis Birr, Principal**

Mandy recently turned 18 and is a senior at College of Southern Nevada High School-West. She hasn't taken any drama classes, but theatrics are most certainly a calling of hers. She absolutely loves beautifully crafted words. Her most productive hobby would probably be video creations on Youtube. In short terms, she says she's an "oddball" to say the least, and proud of it. Mandy would like to thank her English Teacher, Serrin Anderson; her parents Lisa and Tim Titolo; her sister, Casey Titolo, and her boyfriend, Jeff White.

## DOUGLAS COUNTY

# Jordan Sullivan

**Freshman**
***Carson Valley Middle School***
**Robert Been, Principal**

Jordan just transferred to Carson Valley Middle School a few weeks ago, and is very excited and honored that she was chosen to represent all of Douglas County in the competition! She loves poetry and her poem choices are ones of reflection and were chosen because of the emotional response they brought to her. Horseback riding is one of her hobbies along with singing and acting. Jordan hopes to become a film actress some day and win an Oscar. She wishes everyone good luck! She would like to thank Susan van Doren, (the best English teacher in the world!); her parents, Christine and Jay Sullivan; her sister, Lacey; her brother, Justin; her school secretary, Leslie Bunting; and her horseback riding instructor, Barbara Slade.

## ELKO COUNTY

# Graciela Maya-Joseph

**Sophomore**
***Owyhee High School***
**Joseph Mirich, Principal**

Graciela is proudly a sophomore at Owyhee High School. This is her second year representing Elko County at the state-wide Poetry Out Loud Competition. She is an active member of Future Business Leaders of America. She placed 2nd in Nevada for Public Speaking 1 and continued on to nationals placing in the top 15. Graciela believes that through poetry recitation, we are able to portray other's feeling in a way the audience can understand. She thanks her English teacher, Kathy Olson; her mother, Dana Joseph; but mostly, God, for all the blessings he has put in her life.

## HUMBOLDT COUNTY

# Rachel French

**Junior**
***Albert Lowry High School***
**Debbie Watts, Principal**

Rachel is in her 17th year of life and is a junior in high school. She has always enjoyed poetry, music, and reading. Rachel feels words are more powerful than brute strength or any physical thing. To her, words when made into poetry are like food; they nourish the soul and fulfill a person. This is Rachel's second year participating in Poetry Out Loud and her first year representing Humboldt County at the state level. She would like to thank her mother, Karri George for always supporting her; her Poetry Out Loud coach, Vicki Meissner; her fellow competitors, Hailey, Lily, Eman, and Natilie. Without them, and a little courage, she would have never been able to do this.

# FINALISTS

## LINCOLN COUNTY

### Helen Camille Wadsworth

**Senior**
***Lincoln County High School***
**Marty Soderberg, Principal**

Camille was born on July 20, 1994 into a big family which includes four sisters and two brothers. She has loved reading as long as she can remember and reads mostly fiction, though she loves poetry too. Another one of her hobbies is acting. Camille has been involved in every single school play since her freshman year, including "Oliver," in which she was...well, Oliver. She plans to attend Southern Utah University where she will major in English and minor in Drama. Camille would like to thank her English teacher, Sherrin McHenry; her Drama advisor, Pete Peterson; and her parents, Kelly and Mark Wadsworth.

## LYON COUNTY

### Nick Beaton

**Senior**
***Yerington High School***
**Jerry Ogolin, Principal**

Nick has always enjoyed public speaking. He participated in his first competition as a 9-year old 4-H member at the Lyon County Fair. Nick is currently a senior at Yerington High School and is active in sports, band, Double R Studios, and Student Senate, and works at the Boys and Girls Club of Mason Valley as the Technology Coordinator. After high school, Nick plans on attending the University of Nevada, Reno and will major in Broadcast Journalism. Nick would like to thank his English teacher, Amanda Aldridge; and his parents, Darci and Chris Beaton.

## MINERAL COUNTY

### Caitlin Tennille Willson

**Senior**
***Mineral County High School***
**Walt Hackford, Principal**

Caitlin is a senior at Mineral County High School. She has been to four high schools thus far, and there have been advantages to every one of them. Caitlin gained a wide variety of skill in dance, art, theatre, and music, and while attending Mineral County she learned about the Poetry Out Loud competition. Caitlin decided to check it out, because she absolutely adores poetry. English/Literature has always been one of her best subjects, and the poetry sections are always her favorite. Caitlin plans on attending the University of Nevada, Reno in the fall. She would like to thank her mother, Cassie Doré; her siblings, Emmalee, Jerad and Brennan; literary artist and accuracy judge for the Mineral County POL, Russell Bowles; the school librarian, Shar Murphy; her guidance counselor, Mary Koscinski; and the judge for the Mineral County POL, Arian Katsimbras.

## NYE COUNTY

# Jennifer Simon

**Junior**
***Pahrump Valley High School***
**Max Buffi, Principal**

Since Jennifer's birth in San Mateo, California, she has lived in Nevada for 16 years. Jennifer has attended elementary through high school in Nye County and is currently involved in Student Council, National Honor Society, Interact Club, and the Yearbook. Every Sunday, she helps teach a pre-school class at her church. Jennifer also helps at the annual High Desert Shorts International Film Festival and aspires to, one day, write and direct major motion pictures. She participated in Poetry Out Loud last year and fell in love with it. Jennifer feels that poetry is the highest form of abstract expression. Jennifer would like to thank her English teacher and mentor, Matthew Kolodzieczyk; her speech coach, Billie-Jean Polkosnik; her journalism teacher, Bonnie Chenevert; her parents, Sheri and Roger Simon; and her boyfriend, Jessy Richardson.

## PERSHING COUNTY

# Erika Terry

**Senior**
***Pershing County High School***
**Russel Fecht, Principal**

Erika was born in Boise, Idaho and has lived in Lovelock, Nevada for most of her life. She is currently a senior at Pershing County High School. Erika plays piano and guitar and has participated in choir and Northern Zone Honor Choir for more than six years. As a junior, she served a semester as a Senate Page under Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. Erika has participated in Poetry Out Loud for four years. In the fall she plans to attend Utah State University and study Deaf Communications and Alternative Communication Therapy. Erika would like to thank her mother and drama coach, Julie Terry; and her father, Shaun Terry.

## STOREY COUNTY

# Celina Joy Llera

**Senior**
***Virginia City High School***
**Patrick Beckwith, Principal**

Celina Joy Llera is a senior at Virginia City High School. She enjoys reading poetry and photography. Her hobbies are cheering, hanging out with friends, and playing video games. Celina would like to thank her mother Nadia, her English teacher, Mrs. Prater, and all of her friends for supporting and helping her get this far.

# FINALISTS

## WASHOE COUNTY

### Katie Lynn Ibershoff

**Sophomore**
***Rainshadow Community Charter High School***
**Steve West, Principal**

Katie was born in Denver, Colorado and moved to Reno when she was nine. She enjoys performing and participating in competitions. Katie attends Rainshadow Community Charter High School and wants to attend cosmetology school after graduation. Her grandmother's greatest wish before she passed was for Katie to make it to Washington, D.C. She hopes to make her grandmother proud. Katie would like to thank her coach Pan Pantoja; her parents Shannon Steckel and David Ibershoff; and her Grandmother, Judy Mosher.

# JUDGES

**TIM JONES** (Master of Ceremonies)
Tim Jones serves as chair of the Nevada Arts Council nine-member board, which is appointed by the Governor. During his 29 year career at the University of Nevada, Reno, Tim served as the Director of University Arts and an Associate Director of the School of the Arts. One of the co-founders of Artown (Reno's summer arts festival that began in 1996), he developed or produced several Artown programs—including the award-winning "Discover the Arts" education/participation series for children. Tim has served as a member of a number of non-profit boards and advisory boards in Reno and at Lake Tahoe, and received the 2010 Arts Advocacy Award from the National Association of Counties. He received his BA in broadcasting and an MA in speech/communication from Washington State University. Tim is author of *The Work of Art: Creativity and the Work Ethic*, published by the Black Rock Press.

**WAYNE DARBY COOK**
Wayne Cook is currently the Manager of the Arts in Education Program and the ADA 504 Coordinator for the California Arts Council. Wayne's duties as the ADA Coordinator includes overseeing programs and conferences of the Council to assure accessibility and working with the National Arts and Disability Center (NADC) on an array of joint projects and collaborations. Wayne continues to perform in his one-person show dramatizing the poetry of Langston Hughes in many venues from schools to performing arts centers. Wayne is the author of *Center Stage, A Curriculum for the Performing Arts*, which is the only theatre textbook adopted by the state of Texas and used throughout the United States and Canada. In Texas alone, sixty-eight thousand K-6 teachers have his textbook. Wayne has been a drama and movement instructor at a number of universities, including Penn State University, California State University, Long Beach and California State University, Sacramento. Wayne has also been very active with the California Department of Education—rewriting the California State Framework to include recently adopted content standards for the visual and performing arts.

**MARTA LAURITSEN**
Marta Lauritsen lived in Winnemucca from 1994–1997, and returned to Nevada in 2010. She attended college in Bozeman, Montana and holds a BA in Politics and Liberal Arts from Saint Michael's College (Vermont), an MA in International Policy Studies from The Monterey Institute of International Studies, and an MA in Political Science from UCLA. She worked as an editor and writer for a small trade magazine in Washington, D.C., and then for the U.S. Commerce Department in the 1980s. Marta taught secondary English and AP English in Nevada, California, and Washington. Marta is also a published freelance writer of literature analyses. She is presently an Adjunct English Instructor at Western Nevada College in Carson City.

**GAILMARIE PAHMEIER**
Gailmarie Pahmeier has been a Nevadan for nearly 30 years. She currently teaches creative writing and contemporary literature courses at the University of Nevada, where she has been honored with the Alan Bible Teaching Excellence Award and the University Distinguished Teacher Award. Her work has been widely published in literary journals and anthologies, including *Booth*, *Passager*, *Interim*, *Mudfish*, *New Poets of the AmericanWest* (for which she won the Editor's Choice Award), *Literary Nevada*, and the *Autumn House Anthology of Contemporary Poetry*. She is the author of the poetry collection, *The House on Breakaheart Road* and two chapbooks from Black Rock Press. Her most recent chapbook, *Shake It and It Snows*, won the 2009 Coal Hill Chapbook Award; poems from this collection were nominated for Pushcart Prizes. Her literary awards include a Witter Bynner Poetry Fellowship and two Artists Fellowships from the Nevada Arts Council. In 2007, she received the Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts.

# JUDGES

**KAREN ROSS**

Karen Ross is Community Relations Manager for NV Energy in northern Nevada. Employed by NV Energy for 26 years, Karen has held positions as diverse as construction project manager, contract negotiator and mining account manager. Karen presently guides NV Energy's corporate citizenship role within the diverse communities it serves throughout northern Nevada. She oversees charitable giving, employee volunteer programs, and community support programs that meet the needs of key stakeholders.

**JAVIER TRUJILLO**

Javier Trujillo was recently appointed to the board of the Nevada Arts Council by Governor Sandoval. He is a member of the City of Henderson's Intergovernmental Relations Division, and is responsible for advocating the City's position in all local, regional and state legislative affairs. Javier provides City of Henderson officials with high-level analyses of current issues and plays an instrumental role in cultivating strategic partnerships with community and business leaders as well as with elected officials throughout Nevada and the country. A native of Tucson, Arizona, he has served as an adjunct faculty member at the University of Arizona's School of Music, and as a music teacher at several schools in Tucson and Las Vegas. In 2002, Javier was recruited by the Clark County School District to develop and implement a district-wide mariachi program via a standards-based curriculum that he helped to write, and served as the Mariachi Program Project Facilitator through January 2007. Other notable community service activities include: Chairman of the Board, Las Vegas Latin Chamber of Commerce; Member, Clark County School District Superintendent's Educational Opportunities Advisory Board; Member, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's PERFusion Council; former Board Member, Nevada Arts Advocates; and Board Member, Si Se Puede! Foundation.

**BETH WELLS**

Beth is Executive Director of the Nevada STEM Coalition. She taught for over 25 years in upper elementary through community college in language arts, history, reading, composition, and theatre. She served as education coordinator for the Reno Philharmonic, managing two youth orchestras and supervising development of curriculum materials for youth concerts. She was curriculum specialist for the Computer Assisted Instruction Project at the All Indian Pueblo Council in New Mexico, and a technical writer and curriculum advisor for the Auto Emissions Testing Program in San Bernalillo County. Beth's volunteer work has included leadership roles in RESOLVE of New Mexico, PTA, after school arts programs and competition, and Girl Scouts. Beth has served as secretary of the board of directors of Reno's Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum since 2006 and is co-chair of its Programming Committee. She has served as board secretary for Gathering Genius, Inc. since 2006 and was on the 2009 committee for the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.

# NEVADA HUMANITIES

## Congratulations Poetry Out Loud state finalists!

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Congratulations to all the students who competed at the school and district levels, and many thanks to their parents, familes and friends. We are indebted to the enthusiastic support of and participation by the teachers, coaches, principals and superintendents involved with Nevada's 2012 Poetry Out Loud program. We know that the list below may be missing others, and we thank them as well.

## CARSON COUNTY
**Coordinator:** Karen Chandler
**School:** Carson High School
**Principal:** Ron Beck
**Teacher:** Karen Chandler

## CHURCHILL COUNTY
**Coordinators:** Myke Nelsen and Victoria Pace
**School:** Churchill County High School
**Principal:** Kevin Lords
**Teacher:** Myke Nelsen

## CLARK COUNTY
**Coordinator:** Judy Myers, Clark County School-Community Partnership Program
**Schools:** Advanced Technologies Academy, Bishop Gorman High School, Bonanza High School, CSN High School West, CSN High School South, East Career & Technical Academy, Green Valley High School, Miley Achievement Center, Palo Verde High School, Southeast Career Tech Academy, Sierra Vista High School, Sunrise Mountain High School, Valley High School, Western High School
**Principals:** Karen Diamond, Dennis Birr, Glenda Goetting, Jeff Horn, Northey Henderson, Kevin Kiefer, Deanne Burnette, Neddy Alvarez, Cheryl Joyce, Dan Phillips, Richard Arguello, Shawn Boyle, John Barlow
**Teachers:** James Lippitt, Serrin Anderson, Lori Jorgensen, Kara Fenity, Shaun Ingalls, Christine Ramos, Linda Rickey, Daren Stewart, Amy Furmanek, Gary Sessa, Mary Ziegler, Lara Bouchard, Rachel Burke, Laura Bell, Gail Bremner, Tillie L. Torres, Lauren Beattie, McKensie Keever

## DOUGLAS COUNTY
**Coordinator:** Susan van Doren
**School:** Douglas High School
**Principal:** Bob Been
**Teacher:** Susan Van Doren

## ELKO COUNTY
**Coordinator:** Emily Nielson
**Schools:** Elko High School, Owyhee High School, Spring Creek High School
**Principals:** Joseph Mirich, Keith Walz, Mike Altenburg
**Teachers:** Kelly Moon, Emily Nielson, Kathy Olson, Amy Isaman, Julie Lewis

## HUMBOLDT COUNTY
**Coordinator:** Vicky Meissner
**School:** Albert Lowry High School
**Principal:** Debbie Watts
**Teacher:** Vicki Meissner

## LANDER COUNTY
**Coordinator:** Jacqueline Lindsay
**School:** Battle Mountain High School
**Principal:** Susan Baldwin

## LINCOLN COUNTY
**Coordinator:** Pete Peterson
**School:** Lincoln County High School
**Principal:** Marty Soderborg

## LYON COUNTY
**Coordinator:** Debbie Arrighi
**Schools:** Dayton High School, Yerington High School, Silver Stage High School
**Principals:** Dayton–Tim Logan, Yerington–Jerry Ogolin, Silver Stage–Patrick Peters
**Teachers:** Royce Aldridge, Karl Watts, Amanda Aldridge, Annie Krupp, Gary Stone

## MINERAL COUNTY
**Coordinators:** Shar Murphy, Bea Whitney
**School:** Mineral County High School, Cedar Street High School
**Principal:** Walt Hackford
**Teachers:** Shar Murphy, LaReita Parker, Kim Richmond, Amanda Petersen, Courtney Oberhansli

## NYE COUNTY
**Coordinators:** John Salacan, Asya Ivanova
**Schools:** Beatty High School, Pahrump Valley High School, Round Mountain High School
**Principals:** Gary Flood, James Fitch, Max Buffi
**Teachers:** Mary Beth Aragon, Caitlin Enix, Matt Kolodzieczyk, Becky Thompson, Paul Dilella, Deanna Brill, Daleena Craig

## PERSHING COUNTY
**Coordinator:** Julie Terry
**School:** Pershing County High School
**Principal:** Russell Fecht
**Teacher:** Julie Terry

## STOREY COUNTY
**Coordinator:** Christine Prater
**School:** Virginia City High School
**Principal:** Patrick Beckwith
**Teacher:** Christine Prater

## WASHOE COUNTY
**Coordinators:** Jill Berryman, Allison Sertic
**Schools:** Rainshadow Charter High School, Coral Academy of Science, McQueen High School, Sage Ridge School, TMCC High School, Excel Christian School
**Principals:** Steve West, Yilmaz Ak, John Carlson, Daryl DiBitonto, Susan Mayes-Smith, Lisa Cross
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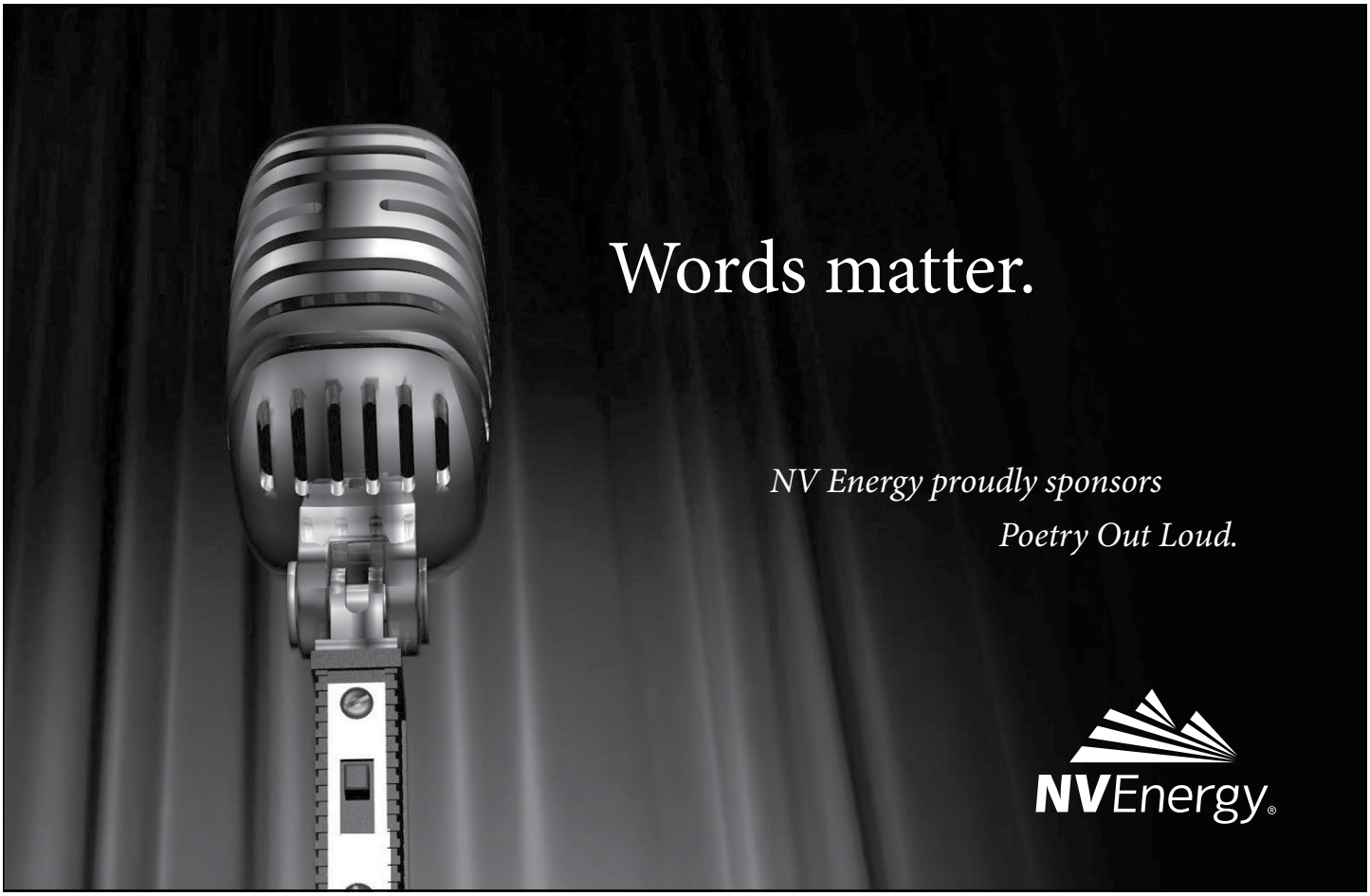

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