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NEWS RELEASE

Hardaway Student to Compete at State Level Poetry Out Loud Finals

(Columbus, GA)-Kathleenaomi Wooten will represent Hardaway High School at the Poetry Out Loud state finals March 2009, in Atlanta. Wooten is one of three finalists from the regional contest held in Perry, Georgia in February. She plans to pursue a psychology degree after she graduates from Hardaway High School in May. If she wins the state competition, she will receive \$500 and an all expense paid trip to compete in the national competition in late April 2009.

State Competition Prizes

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| 1st Place | \$500 | All expense paid trip to National Competition |
| | \$500 | To school library for the purchase of poetry books |
| 2nd Place | \$400 | |
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| 3rd Place | \$300 | |
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The Poetry Out Loud (POL) national poetry recitation competition is an innovative program that encourages high school students to learn about great poetry through memorization and performance of the written word. It incorporates the dynamic aspects of slam poetry, spoken word, and theater into English and drama class. Poetry Out Loud, which began in 2005, helps students improve public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn great poetry in literature.

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In partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, the Poetry Foundation, and Georgia Council for the Arts, The Literary Center at the Margaret Mitchell House administers POL for the state of Georgia.

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