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POWER OF THE PEN ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF DISTRICT WRITING TOURNAMENT
VIRTUALLY HOSTED BY TIFFIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

NORTH CANTON, OH — February 21, 2022 — North Canton educational nonprofit Power of the Pen on Sunday announced the results of the Northwest Ohio Region District 2 tournament hosted virtually by Tiffin Middle School on February 5. The Tiffin Middle School P.T.O. sponsored the tournament.

In the Power of the Pen district tournament, 7th- and 8th-grade students competed in a series of extemporaneous rounds of creative writing tasks, each in response to an open-ended prompt. The district tournament is both a team and an individual competition.

Team award winners in the 7th grade are:

1st Place – Perkins Briar Middle, Sandusky, coached by Mary Darr
2nd Place – Perrysburg Junior High School, Perrysburg, coached by Allison Latella
3rd Place – Ottawa Hills JHHS, Ottawa Hills, coached by Karen Fischer

Team award winners for the 8th grade are:

1st Place – Upper Sandusky Middle School, Upper Sandusky, coached by Rachel Smith
2nd Place – Timberstone Junior High, Sylvania, coached by Sara Nelson
3rd Place – McCord Junior High School, Sylvania, coached by Diane Long

7th grade top individual award winners are:

1st Place – Vivian Schmidt, Timberstone Junior High
2nd Place – Sophia Ploeger, Toledo School for the Arts
3rd Place – Alexander Ban, Perrysburg Junior High School
4th Place – Mary Lathrop, Ottawa Hills JHHS
5th Place – Tavilynn Dillender, Perkins Briar Middle
6th Place – Sophia De La Cruz, Arcadia Middle School
7th Place – Ria Khatri, Perrysburg Junior High School
8th Place – Maanya Parikh, Perrysburg Junior High School
9th Place – Lucy Miller, Perkins Briar Middle
10th Place – Madalayna Toccaceli, Perkins Briar Middle
11th Place – Juan Alagha, Arbor Hills Junior High
12th Place – Anna Helton, McCord Junior High School

8th grade top individual winners are:

1st Place – Sophia Halm, Perrysburg Junior High School
2nd Place – Leah Hegarty, Timberstone Junior High
3rd Place – Addyson Rogers, Upper Sandusky Middle School
4th Place – Elise Johnston, Tiffin Middle School
5th Place – Hannah Vreeland, Upper Sandusky Middle School
6th Place – Caroline Lavalette, McCord Junior High School
7th Place – Charlotte Lunz, Botkins Local School
8th Place – Brianne Bucher, Perkins Briar Middle
9th Place – Miley Helmstetter, Tiffin Middle School
10th Place – Nina Clark, Ottawa Hills JHHS
11th Place – Medha Ramaswamy, McCord Junior High School
12th Place – Scarlet Holten, Arbor Hills Junior High

In addition, the following students earned Best of Round honors: 7th graders Ria Khatri of Perrysburg Junior High, Nora Brown of Ottawa Hills JHHS, and Anna Helton of McCord Junior High School, and 8th graders Haleigh Murphy of McCord Junior High School, Satori Alter of Woodmore Middle School, and Sophia Halm of Perrysburg Junior High School.

Power of the Pen, one of Ohio’s largest educational enhancement programs, seeks to positively impact academic achievement of the state’s middle schoolers by helping young people find and develop a creative voice uniquely their own.

All of the individual award winners, plus about the top 50% of writers at each grade level, will advance to the Northwest Regional Tournament virtually hosted by Lourdes University on March 12. They will be joined by those who advanced from District 1 in the January 29 tournament in St. Marys. Qualifying students from the Northwest Regional Tournament will advance to a state tournament May 12-13 at Otterbein University.

The Northwest Region includes Allen, Auglaize, Defiance, Fulton, Hardin, Hancock, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca, Shelby, Williams, Wood, Wyandot, and Van Wert counties.