English

- High School Writing Competition

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2026 WINNERS

ESSAY

Allison Stanley, “’Things Fall Apart’: Rhetorical Analysis.” Teacher: Meredith Baine, Jonesboro High School.

Jade Johnson, "Drinking the Kool-Aid." Teacher: Nicole LaCount, Jonesboro High School.

Tyler Eaton, "Sexual Education in the Academic Environment." Teacher: Kelli Rollins-Stidham, Paragould High School.

HONORABLE MENTION: Cameron Russell, "Reaching New Growth with the Beatles." Teacher: Meredith Baine, Jonesboro High School.

HONORABLE MENTION: Abigail Merila, "Diseases I Have Known." Teacher: Kelli Rollins-Stidham, Paragould High School.

HONORABLE MENTION: Evie Mixon, "Fighting a Bear." Teacher: Meredith Baine, Jonesboro High School.

CREATIVE NON-FICTION

Addyson H. Groetsch, "Nile of Doubt." Teacher: Dr. Jessica Seat, Batesville High School.

Charlee Simpson, "The Day I Chose Peace." Teacher: Nicole LaCount, Jonesboro High School.

Scarlet Jacks, "Action!" Teacher: Meredith Baine, Jonesboro High School.

HONORABLE MENTION: Keira Guerrero,"What Music Speaks to Me." Teacher: Meredith Baine, Jonesboro High School.

FICTION

Madilyn Smith, "The Destruction You Bring." Teacher: Meredith Baine, Jonesboro High School.

Kyler Williams, The Case of the Muppet Murder." Teacher: Meredith Baine, Jonesboro High School.

Cesar Canizales, "The Sisyphus Conundrum." Teacher: Nicole LaCount, Jonesboro High School.

POETRY

Brynlee Rabah, "An Unwritten Path." Teacher: Kelli Rollins-Stidham, Paragould High School.

Zariah Williams, "Something Familiar." Teacher: Meredith Baine, Jonesboro High School.

Isaac Pearson, "Acrophobia." Teacher: Kelli Rollins-Stidham, Paragould High School.

HONORABLE MENTION: Charlee Simpson, "Never Look My Way." Teacher: Nicole LaCount, Jonesboro High School.

HONORABLE MENTION: Allison Tate, "A Spring Once Remembered" Teacher: Dr. Jessica Seat, Batesville High School.