

2017 Honorable Mentions

Ben Israel, Francis W. Parker School, Chicago (3rd Grade)
Nia Nashashibi, Francis W. Parker School, Chicago (3rd Grade)
Darcy Rachel, Francis W. Parker School, Chicago (3rd Grade)
Cyrus Parke, Francis W. Parker School, Chicago (3rd Grade)
Amanda Feinberg, Science and Arts Academy, Des Plaines (5th Grade)
Xiangcheng Cai, Haines Elementary School, Chicago (6th Grade)
Brenda Vazquez, Haines Elementary School, Chicago (6th Grade)
Natalie Lao, Haines Elementary School, Chicago (6th Grade)
Ephraim Liang, Haines Elementary School, Chicago (6th Grade)
Sasha Lemons, Douglas Elementary, Belleville (6th Grade)
Vicky Chen, Haines Elementary School, Chicago (7th Grade)
Anonymous
Leena Mehta, Univ. of Chicago Lab Summer School, Chicago (7th Grade)
Xaris Nuñez, Erie Elementary Charter School, Chicago (8th Grade)
Olivia Cox, Centralia Junior H.S., Centralia (8th Grade)
Michelle Franzen, Bernotas M.S., Crystal Lake (8th Grade)
Dexter Birkenbeuel, Univ. of Chicago Lab Summer School, Chicago (8th Grade)
Adriana Gutierrez, Addison Trail H.S., Addison (10th Grade)
Autumn McMahan, Shawnee Junior-Senior H.S., Wolf Lake (10th Grade)
Gina Wiste, Benet Academy, Lisle (10th Grade)
Davian Thomas, East Peoria Community H.S., East Peoria (11th Grade)
Ashley Dwy, Maine West H.S., Des Plaines (11th Grade)
Khyri James, Chicago H.S. for Agricultural Sciences, Chicago (11th Grade)
Victoria Gebhart, Newark H.S., Newark (12th Grade)
Colette Mendoza, Antioch Community H.S., Antioch (12th Grade)
Shannon Corgan, Collinsville H.S., Collinsville (12th Grade)

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Welcome and Introductions

Bill Michel, Executive Director of the Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts

Angel Ysaguirre, Executive Director of Illinois Humanities

Screening of 2017 GBYPA Video

Poetry Readings

Nora Brooks Blakely – Introduces Poets Grades K-6

- Sally Weinberg, Washington Elementary, Evanston (Kindergarten)
- Sophia Skukan, Blaine Elementary, Chicago (2nd Grade)
- Brayden Sterling, Francis W. Parker, Chicago (3rd Grade)
- Kiera Wilson, Univ. of Chicago Charter School-NKO, Chicago (4th Grade)
- Sophia Memon, The Ancona School, Chicago (5th Grade)
- Chyna Parker, Haines Elementary, Chicago (6th Grade)
- Mia Mason, Univ. of Chicago Lab Summer School, Chicago (6th Grade)

Angela Jackson – On a life of poetry

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Quraysh Ali Lansana – Introduces Poets Grades 7-9

- Holly Wood, Bernotas Middle School, Crystal Lake (7th Grade)
- Oliver Collier, The Children's School, Berwyn (7th Grade)
- Max Kanellopoulos, Bernotas Middle School (8th Grade)
- Laine Cibulskis, John F. Kennedy Middle School, Plainfield (8th Grade)
- Elle Morson, Waubonsie Valley H.S., Aurora (9th Grade)
- Kaitlyn Tibbetts, home schooled, Machesney Park (9th Grade)

Michael Crowder – Past Award Winner

Screening of "We Real Cool" Video

Adam Gottlieb – Introduces Poets Grades 10-12

- Leah Clifford, Galesburg H.S., Galesburg (10th Grade)
- Faith Moreno, Chicago H.S. for the Arts (ChiArts), Chicago (10th Grade)
- Chelsea Zhao, Josephinum Academy of the Sacred Heart, Chicago (11th Grade)
- Haley Cao, Chicago H.S. for The Arts (ChiArts), Chicago (11th Grade)
- Ruth Jones, Chicago H.S. for The Arts (ChiArts), Chicago (12th Grade)
- Daniel Hill, Perspectives/IIT Math & Science Academy, Chicago (12th Grade)

Closing

Timothy Rey – Introduces and honors teachers

Bill Michel – Closing Comments

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