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Arts Council for Monterey County Hosts the 2020 Poetry Out Loud High School Competition

The Arts Council for Monterey County is proudly hosting the annual Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation Competition. On Saturday, February 8, 2020, students from Alisal High School, Pacific Grove High School, Rancho San Juan High School & Soledad High School will participate in the Poetry Out Loud high school recitation at the CSUMB Alumni and Visitors Center. The winner of this competition will advance to the California Poetry Out Loud contest. The [STATE] champion will advance to the Poetry Out Loud national finals on April 28-29, 2020 in Washington, DC, where \$50,000 in awards and school stipends will be distributed.

Poetry Out Loud, presented in partnership with the Arts Council for Monterey County, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, is part of a national program that encourages high school students to learn about great poetry -- both classic and contemporary -- through memorization, performance and competition. Since the program began in 2005, more than 3.8 million students and 60,000 teachers from 16,000 schools across the country have participated in Poetry Out Loud.

WHO: Featured schools will be:

- Alisal High School
- Pacific Grove High School
- Rancho San Juan High School
- Soledad High School

WHEN: Saturday, February 8, 2020, 1:00-2:30 PM

WHERE: CSUMB Alumni and Visitor's Center

PARKING: Please bring \$4 to park at CSUMB.

OTHER: Attendance is free and open to the public, although seating is limited.

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