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Arts Council for Monterey County Hosts the 2021 Poetry Out Loud High School Competition

(Seaside, CA - January 26, 2021) The Arts Council for Monterey County is proudly hosting the annual Poetry Out Loud (POL): National Recitation Competition for local high school students. On Saturday, February 6, 2021, students from Alisal High School (Salinas), Pacific Grove High School, Rancho San Juan High School (Salinas), Soledad High School, York School & Gonzales High School will participate in a live, virtual Poetry Out Loud high school recitation competition via YouTube & Facebook. In March 2021, the Monterey County winner of this competition will advance to the state-wide Poetry Out Loud contest. The California champion will advance to the 2021 POL National Finals in Spring 2021 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 four million students and 65,000 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
 - York School
 - Gonzales High School

WHEN: Saturday, February 6, 2021, 1:00-2:30 PM

WHERE: YouTube Live Event - <https://youtu.be/5VqDvuOnBSQ>;
Streaming Live on Facebook @artsmonterey

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