

Tualatin Brothers Repeat at Poetry Out Loud Event

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Senior Mitchell Lenneville, and his freshman brother Evan Lenneville-Hutchinson, won in the Poetry Out Loud competition held last month at Village Home in Beaverton. It is the second year the brothers from Tualatin took top honors. Following their win they competed at regionals held at Powell's Books in Beaverton.



Evan and Mitchell Lenneville.

For the second year Mitchell won at regionals and went on to compete at the Oregon finals held at Willamette University in Salem. Performing three poems, Mitchell took first place in the statewide competition winning an all-expense paid trip to nationals held in Washington D.C. in May.

In another event Evan took first place at post level and third at regionals in a speech competition sponsored by the VFW. He composed his speech entitled, "My Vision for America," and presented it at a victory dinner held last month in Lake Oswego.



Mitchell at State Competition.

Mitchell is finishing up his studies while working full time for Ben West, US Congressional candidate in District 5 (benwestfororegon.com). Evan is attending Baker Early College (bakercharters.org/early-college) at PCC, and this spring will be playing "Juror Seven" in Village Home's production of Twelve Angry Men.

You can find out more about Poetry Out Loud by visiting poetryoutloud.org. Village Home (villagehome.org) is a resource center that supports home schooling students and their families. Village Home was featured in the 2014 feature length education documentary Class Dismissed (classdismissedmovie.com).

In partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, Poetry Foundation holds competitions in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. Poetry Out Loud encourages youth to learn great poetry through memorization and recitation, while helping them to master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about our literary heritage. The competition is open to all high school students.



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