



State Tournament Overview

College of Wooster State Finals

Location: Wooster, Ohio 44691

Tournament Date: May 21-22, 2009

Host School Coordinator: Lorraine Merrill, *Executive Director*

Tournament Summary

- There were 267 schools in attendance, with 330 Seventh Graders and 338 Eighth Graders: a total of 668 contestants in all.
- Support Staff included 33 tournament staff, 154 student runners, and 75 (est) additional parent/adult volunteer workers. An estimated 185 relatives and other guests were also in attendance.
- The pieces of student writing produced, evaluated by judges, tabulated by tournament staff, and returned with comments to the writing team coaches at the close of the writing day numbered 2,220.

Thank Yous

- Our thanks go to The College of Wooster and to its President Grant Cornwell for supporting our mission so whole-heartedly, and opening the college's doors— and its arms of support— to our program.
- Bpb Rodda and Santha Schuch, Summer Conference Directors, were gracious and helpful in their efforts to host the conference.
- We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the valuable— and valued— contributions of time and effort by hundreds of teacher-judges, scores of staff, and hundreds of student volunteers who worked so hard behind the scenes to pull off this monumental tournament in a matter of— quite literally— hours. They are far too numerous to acknowledge in their entirety, but we would like to draw attention, especially, to Gary Littell, *State Tournament Manager*; Ellen Arena, the POP staff person who handled all of the conference arrangements with the College; Mary Anderson who headed up the Tab Room operations; Debbie Brugger, who supervised the Ballot Runners; Heidi Ferguson and Laura Yutzy who acted as *Principal Writing Supervisors*; Sue Haidel, Guest Author Book Sale *Chairperson*; Allison Seymour and Sue Scalia who helmed the ever-popular sale of the tee shirts; and Beth Dixon, POP *State Coordinator*, who— along with her many other responsibilities— oversaw the Awards Program.

**Power of the Pen
2009 State Finals**

SPECIAL AWARDS

**The College of Wooster
May 22, 2009**

The Promising Young Talent Award

Selected by Suzanne Fisher Staples Guest Author

Zyna Bakari, Yellow Springs High School, Yellow Springs

Special Commendations

Bardia Rahmani, University School, Shaker Heights

Anna Chen Copley-Fairlawn Middle School, Copley

The College of Wooster \$24,000 Scholarship Awards

Presented by Dr. Grant Cornwell, President, The College of Wooster

Zyna Bakari, Yellow Springs High School, Yellow Springs

Bardia Rahmani, University School, Shaker Heights

General Motors Awards for Talented Young Writers

Selected by a Special Awards Judging Committee, composed of distinguished members of the educational community.

Seventh Grade

First Place: **Mara Kalinoski**, St Pius School, Toledo

Second Place: **Jenny Hunyh**, Gahanna Middle School- South, Gahanna

Third Place: **Ivy Shi**, Hudson Middle School, Hudson

Eighth Grade

First Place- *tie*: **Bardia Rahmani**, University School, Shaker Heights

First Place- *tie*: **Zyna Bakari**, McKinney Middle School, Yellow Springs

Second Place: **Deric Hellwig**, Possum Middle School, Springfield

Third Place: **Kristen Sweterlitsch**, Hudson Middle School, Hudson

The Powerful Pen Award

Selected by the Executive & Administrative Staff, Power of the Pen

Bardia Rahmani, University School, Shaker Heights

Humor Award

Selected by Fred Kirchner, "The Pedalin' Poet"; Dayton Metro Library

Tyler Detrick, Shawnee High School, Springfield

Honorable Mentions:

Bardia Rahmani, University School, Shaker Heights

Alyssa Jenkins, Reading Junior High School, Reading

Poetry Awards

Selected by George Bilgere, Professor of English, John Carroll University

First Place: **Amanda Fosnight**, Creston Middle School, Mantua

Honorable Mentions

Annie Greer, Hudson Middle School, Hudson

Kathryn Field, Hudson Middle School, Hudson

Courtney Hart, McCormick Middle School, Huron

Lisa Pruett Scholarship Award

Emily Hogya, Summit Country Day School, Cincinnati

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SWEEPSTAKES- Top 25 Schools

<u>Rank</u>	<u>School Name</u>	<u>Regional Tourn</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Code</u>
1	Old Trail School	KSU- Stark	Summit	Bath	LB
2	Hudson Middle School	Hudson Middle School	Summit	Hudson	HY
3	Mason Middle School	Sycamore Jr High School	Warren	Mason	RK
4	Madeira Middle School	Sycamore Jr High School	Hamilton	Cincinnati	RH
5	McKinney Middle School	Minster Middle School	Greene	Yellow Springs	MC
6	Wyoming Middle School	Sycamore Jr High School	Hamilton	Wyoming	SD
7	St Rose School	Findlay High School	Wood	Perrysburg	CA
8	Summit Country Day School	Sycamore Jr High School	Hamilton	Cincinnati	RY
9	St Michael School	KSU- Stark	Stark	Canton	LK
10	Granville Middle	Unioto Junior High	Licking	Granville	ST
11	Miller South School	KSU- Kent	Summit	Akron	JU
12	Brady Middle School	Garfield Middle School	Cuyahoga	Pepper Pike	CM
13	Bellbrook Middle School	Minster Middle School	Greene	Bellbrook	LT
14	McCord Junior High School	Findlay High School	Lucas	Sylvania	BQ
15	Marietta Middle School	Unioto Junior High	Washington	Marietta	SY
16	Ashland Middle School	Akron U- Wayne College	Ashland	Ashland	AB
17	Indian Valley Middle School	Akron U- Wayne College	Tuscarawas	Tuscarawas	AS
18	Versailles High School	Minster Middle School	Darke	Versailles	MT
19	Mariemont Junior High School	Sycamore Jr High School	Hamilton	Cincinnati	RJ
20	Lexington Junior High	Unioto Junior High	Richland	Lexington	SW
21	West Branch Middle School	KSU- Stark	Mahoning	Beloit	LQ
22	Harding Middle School	Garfield Middle School	Cuyahoga	Lakewood	CX
23	Laurel School	Hudson Middle School	Cuyahoga	Shaker Heights	HZ
24	Brecksville-Broadvi Middle	Garfield Middle School	Cuyahoga	Broadview Heights	CQ
25	Indian Hill Middle Sch	Sycamore Jr High School	Hamilton	Cincinnati	RB

SEVENTH GRADE CHAMPS- Top 25

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Regional</u>	<u>Code</u>
1	Williams, Emily	St Christopher School	Vandalia	Wittenberg University	UH72
2	Palus, Sheridan	McCord Junior High	Sylvania	Findlay High School	BQ73
3	Slogar, Jennifer	St Michael School	Canton	KSU- Stark	LK72
4	Turkaly, Carolyn	Hudson Middle School	Hudson	Hudson Middle School	HY73
5	Arnold, Mallory	Cardinal Pacelli School	Cincinnati	Sycamore Jr High School	QY71
6	Bruggemann, Erin	McCord Junior High	Sylvania	Findlay High School	BQ71
7	Prybyla, Alix	Old Trail School	Bath	KSU- Stark	LB73
8	Anich, Madeline	Highland Middle School	Medina	Akron U- Wayne College	AL71
9	Harrison, Caitlin	Marietta Middle School	Marietta	Unioto Junior High	SY71
10	Rojas, Katie	Mason Middle School	Mason	Sycamore Jr High School	RK73
11	Chernykh, Jane	Perrysburg Jr High Sch	Perrysburg	Findlay High School	BU71
12	Gfell, Ben	Miller South School	Akron	KSU- Kent	JU71
13	Frederick, Zack	Berlin-Milan Middle	Berlin Heights	Perkins Middle School	MY72
14	Fork, Danielle	Gibsonburg Middle	Gibsonburg	Findlay High School	BH71
15	Webster, Tess	Ridgeview Middle School	Columbus	Henry Karrer MS	FZ71
16	Rintoul, Meredith	Hadley E Watts Middle	Dayton	Wittenberg University	TR73
17	Toma, Bethany	Cornerstone Christian	Willoughby	Hudson Middle School	HS72
18	Grote, Erin	McKinney Middle School	Yellow Springs	Minster Middle School	MC72
19	Halsted, Chloe	Wyoming Middle School	Wyoming	Sycamore Jr High School	SD71
20	Hinkle, Claudia	Hudson Middle School	Hudson	Hudson Middle School	HY72
21	Mustric, Allie	Gahanna MS East	Gahanna	Henry Karrer MS	FH72
22	Lariviere, Marissa	Wiley Middle School	University Height	Garfield Middle School	FA71
23	McGee, Madeline	Hadley E Watts Middle	Dayton	Wittenberg University	TR72
24	Williamson, Nick	Independence Middle	Independence	Garfield Middle School	CZ71
25	Anderson, Jessie	Laurel School	Shaker Heights	Hudson Middle School	HZ71

EIGHTH GRADE CHAMPS- Top 25

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Regional</u>	<u>Code</u>
1	Hogya, Emily	Summit Country Day	Cincinnati	Sycamore Jr High School	RY82
2	Harp, Marie	Miller South School	Akron	KSU- Kent	JU82
3	Wilkins, Reagan	Indian Hill Middle Sch	Cincinnati	Sycamore Jr High School	RB82
4	McQueary, Caitlyn	Madeira Middle School	Cincinnati	Sycamore Jr High School	RH82
5	Shi, Ivy	Hudson Middle School	Hudson	Hudson Middle School	HY84
6	Sharma, Anahita	New Albany Middle	New Albany	Henry Karrer MS	FX83
7	Arnold, Shardae	Holy Angels School	Dayton	Wittenberg University	TS81
8	Weingart, Valerie	West Branch Middle	Beloit	KSU- Stark	LQ82
9	Fillingim, Shannon	Magsig Middle School	Centerville	Wittenberg University	TW81
10	Hauser, Olivia	St Pius X School	Toledo	Findlay High School	BZ81
11	Callahan, Lucy	McKinney Middle School	Yellow Springs	Minster Middle School	MC81
12	Venkatakrishnan,	Lexington Junior High	Lexington	Unioto Junior High	SW82
13	Chauvin, Abbey	Chamberlin Middle	Twinsburg	KSU- Kent	JL81
14	Sternsher, Randi	Clinton-Massie Middle	Clarksville	Sycamore Jr High School	QZ82
15	Carty, Hunter	Grandview Heights MS	Columbus	Henry Karrer MS	FL81
16	Merrill, Regina	Summit Country Day	Cincinnati	Sycamore Jr High School	RY84
17	Dennis, Jacob	Birchwood School	Cleveland	Garfield Middle School	CL82
18	King, Scott	St Paschal Baylon	Cleveland	Hudson Middle School	JF81
19	Engelhardt, Erin	Wyoming Middle School	Wyoming	Sycamore Jr High School	SD82
20	DiBernardo, Angela	Learwood Middle School	Avon Lake	Perkins Middle School	QD82
21	Shaw, Morgan	Northridge Middle School	Springfield	Wittenberg University	TX82
22	Schonauer, Rebekah	West Holmes Middle	Millersburg	Akron U- Wayne College	BB82
23	Gregory, Brielle	Brecksville-Broadvi	Broadview Heights	Garfield Middle School	CQ81
24	Durbak, Emily	St Joseph School	Sylvania	Findlay High School	BX81
25	DeGrand, Joe	Ridgeview Middle School	Columbus	Henry Karrer MS	FZ81

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SEVENTH FINALISTS

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Regional</u>	<u>Code</u>
1	Halsted, Chloe	Wyoming Middle School	Wyoming	Sycamore Jr High School	SD71
2	Palus, Sheridan	McCord Junior High	Sylvania	Findlay High School	BQ73
3	Williamson, Nick	Independence Middle	Independence	Garfield Middle School	CZ71
4	Kosko, Natalie	Granville Middle	Granville	Unioto Junior High	ST72
5	Bruggemann, Erin	McCord Junior High	Sylvania	Findlay High School	BQ71
6	Turkaly, Carolyn	Hudson Middle School	Hudson	Hudson Middle School	HY73
7	Lariviere, Marissa	Wiley Middle School	University Height	Garfield Middle School	FA71
8	Huff, Emily	Mason Middle School	Mason	Sycamore Jr High School	RK71
9	Anderson, Jessie	Laurel School	Shaker Heights	Hudson Middle School	HZ71
10	Slogar, Jennifer	St Michael School	Canton	KSU- Stark	LK72
11	Sargent, Tori	West Geauga Middle	Chesterland	Hudson Middle School	JJ71
12	Williams, Emily	St Christopher School	Vandalia	Wittenberg University	UH72
13	Webster, Tess	Ridgeview Middle School	Columbus	Henry Karrer MS	FZ71
14	Montgomery, Megan	Arts Academy at Summit	Canton	KSU- Stark	KH71
15	Phillips, Alexandra	Schl Creative/ Perform	Cincinnati	Sycamore Jr High School	RS71
16	Creech, Sandra	Stanton Middle School	Kent	KSU- Kent	KD71
17	Sweet, Marina	St Patrick School	London	Minster Middle School	MQ71
18	Aufdencamp, Tenley	Jones Middle School	Upper Arlington	Henry Karrer MS	FT71
19	Mustric, Allie	Gahanna MS East	Gahanna	Henry Karrer MS	FH72
20	Shirley, Katherine	Tippecanoe Middle	Tipp City	Minster Middle School	MR71
21	Thomakos, Olivia	Sacred Heart School	New Philadelphia	Akron U- Wayne College	AU71
22	McGee, Madeline	Hadley E Watts Middle	Dayton	Wittenberg University	TR72
23	Dubaj, Julia	Alliance Middle School	Alliance	KSU- Stark	KF71
24	Frederick, Zack	Berlin-Milan Middle	Berlin Heights	Perkins Middle School	MY72
25	Anich, Madeline	Highland Middle School	Medina	Akron U- Wayne College	AL71
26	Harrison, Caitlin	Marietta Middle School	Marietta	Unioto Junior High	SY71
27	Storm, Jordan	Rockway Middle School	Springfield	Wittenberg University	UB72
28	Rojas, Katie	Mason Middle School	Mason	Sycamore Jr High School	RK73
29	Hinkle, Claudia	Hudson Middle School	Hudson	Hudson Middle School	HY72
30	Mezacapa, Victor	University School	Shaker Heights	Hudson Middle School	JH72
31	Toma, Bethany	Cornerstone Christian	Willoughby	Hudson Middle School	HS72
32	Finn, Sabrina	Mercy Montessori Center	Cincinnati	Sycamore Jr High School	RL71
33	Young, Hannah	Madeira Middle School	Cincinnati	Sycamore Jr High School	RH73
34	Cooper, Nicole	Brady Middle School	Pepper Pike	Garfield Middle School	CM71
35	Chernykh, Jane	Perrysburg Jr High Sch	Perrysburg	Findlay High School	BU71
36	Prybyla, Alix	Old Trail School	Bath	KSU- Stark	LB73
37	Mangan, Lauren	Assumption Academy	Broadview Heights	Garfield Middle School	CK71
38	Regula, Mallory	Ashland Middle School	Ashland	Akron U- Wayne College	AB73
39	Hong, Jisoo	Henry Karrer MS	Dublin	Henry Karrer MS	FM71
40	Fork, Danielle	Gibsonburg Middle	Gibsonburg	Findlay High School	BH71
41	Griffin, Emilie	Heskett Middle School	Bedford	Garfield Middle School	CY72
42	Du, Anna	Hawken Middle School	Lyndhurst	Hudson Middle School	HX74
43	Grote, Erin	McKinney Middle School	Yellow Springs	Minster Middle School	MC72
44	Arnold, Mallory	Cardinal Pacelli School	Cincinnati	Sycamore Jr High School	QY71

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45	Wisnieski, Ali	Brady Middle School	Pepper Pike	Garfield Middle School	CM75
46	Gfell, Ben	Miller South School	Akron	KSU- Kent	JU71
47	Johnson, Larissa	Hadley E Watts Middle	Dayton	Wittenberg University	TR71
48	Yepko, Paige	St Mary Ele Sch	Elyria	Perkins Middle School	QQ71
49	Hemker, Elaina	St Peter School	Huron	Perkins Middle School	QS72
50	Rintoul, Meredith	Hadley E Watts Middle	Dayton	Wittenberg University	TR73
51	Studtmann, Allison	St Rose School	Perrysburg	Findlay High School	CA75
52	Whipkey, Emma	Central Middle School	Findlay	Findlay High School	BC72
53	Williams, Carson	Timberstone Jr High	Sylvania	Findlay High School	CD73
54	Kamburowski, Paulina	McCord Junior High	Sylvania	Findlay High School	BQ72

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1	McQueary, Caitlyn	Madeira Middle School	Cincinnati	Sycamore Jr High School	RH82
2	Harp, Marie	Miller South School	Akron	KSU- Kent	JU82
3	Sharma, Anahita	New Albany Middle	New Albany	Henry Karrer MS	FX83
4	Shaw, Morgan	Northridge Middle School	Springfield	Wittenberg University	TX82
5	Shi, Ivy	Hudson Middle School	Hudson	Hudson Middle School	HY84
6	Hogya, Emily	Summit Country Day	Cincinnati	Sycamore Jr High School	RY82
7	Engelhardt, Erin	Wyoming Middle School	Wyoming	Sycamore Jr High School	SD82
8	Kick, Hayley	West Holmes Middle	Millersburg	Akron U- Wayne College	BB81
9	Nelson, Calley	Granville Middle	Granville	Unioto Junior High	ST83
10	Griffith, Allie	St Francis de Sales	Akron	KSU- Kent	KA81
11	Schonauer, Rebekah	West Holmes Middle	Millersburg	Akron U- Wayne College	BB82
12	Stevens, Gretchen	Sylvania Arbor Hills Jr	Sylvania	Findlay High School	CB82
13	Ganesh, Nisha	Henry Karrer MS	Dublin	Henry Karrer MS	FM81
14	Reilly, Bridget	St James White Oak	Cincinnati	Sycamore Jr High School	RU82
15	Arnold, Shardae	Holy Angels School	Dayton	Wittenberg University	TS81
16	Wilkins, Reagan	Indian Hill Middle Sch	Cincinnati	Sycamore Jr High School	RB82
17	Warner, Kylie	Old Trail School	Bath	KSU- Stark	LB83
18	Fillingim, Shannon	Magsig Middle School	Centerville	Wittenberg University	TW81
19	Gregory, Brielle	Brecksville-Broadvi	Broadview Heights	Garfield Middle School	CQ81
20	Smith, Tara	Gahanna MS East	Gahanna	Henry Karrer MS	FH81
21	Cothrel, Sophia	Oakwood Jr High	Dayton	Wittenberg University	TY81
22	DiBernardo, Angela	Learwood Middle School	Avon Lake	Perkins Middle School	QD82
23	Rodriguez, Daniel	St Michael School	Canton	KSU- Stark	LK82
24	Donnelly, Jacob	Canton Country Day	Canton	KSU- Stark	KL81
25	Sivagnanam, Sarika	McBroom Jr High	Saint Marys	Minster Middle School	MB82
26	Israel, Hallie	Brady Middle School	Pepper Pike	Garfield Middle School	CM81
27	Venkatakrishnan,	Lexington Junior High	Lexington	Unioto Junior High	SW82
28	Weingart, Valerie	West Branch Middle	Beloit	KSU- Stark	LQ82
29	Dennis, Jacob	Birchwood School	Cleveland	Garfield Middle School	CL82
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32	Wimbiscus, Trent	Harding Middle School	Lakewood	Garfield Middle School	CX84
33	DeGrand, Joe	Ridgeview Middle School	Columbus	Henry Karrer MS	FZ81
34	Hauser, Olivia	St Pius X School	Toledo	Findlay High School	BZ81
35	Kane, Jessica	Cloverleaf Middle School	Seville	Akron U- Wayne College	AC82
36	Wedell, Jessica	Laurel School	Shaker Heights	Hudson Middle School	HZ82
37	Chauvin, Abbey	Chamberlin Middle	Twinsburg	KSU- Kent	JL81
38	King, Scott	St Paschal Baylon	Cleveland	Hudson Middle School	JF81
39	Miller, Lois	McKinney Middle School	Yellow Springs	Minster Middle School	MC82
40	Callahan, Lucy	McKinney Middle School	Yellow Springs	Minster Middle School	MC81
41	Merrill, Regina	Summit Country Day	Cincinnati	Sycamore Jr High School	RY84
42	Marquette, Alyssa	Chagrin Falls Middle	Chagrin Falls	Hudson Middle School	HQ81
43	Kitko, Connor	St Felicitas School	Euclid	Garfield Middle School	DW81
44	Salyer, Lorien	St Michael School	Worthington	Henry Karrer MS	HH82

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45	Green, Ivy	Crestwood Middle	Mantua	KSU- Kent	JQ81
46	Sternsher, Randi	Clinton-Massie Middle	Clarksville	Sycamore Jr High School	QZ82
47	Stanley, Jake	Princeton Community	Cincinnati	Sycamore Jr High School	RQ81
48	Svitana, Abby	St Paul School	Westerville	Unioto Junior High	TC81
49	Cameron, Katie	Dover Middle School	Dover	Akron U- Wayne College	AF81
50	Ward, Rachel	St Bartholomew	Middleburg Heights	Garfield Middle School	DS82
51	Cook, Lindsay	Kenston Middle School	Chagrin Falls	KSU- Kent	JT81
52	Moore, Mayim	South Range Middle	Salem	KSU- Stark	LF82
53	Nellessen, Sierra	Tippecanoe Middle	Tipp City	Minster Middle School	MR82
54	Engel, Ginger	Wyoming Middle School	Wyoming	Sycamore Jr High School	SD81

2009 Regional Best of the Best Awards

All students who received a Best of Round Award at Regionals were contenders for the Best of Best Awards at the Regional level. These awards were presented at State. Best of the Best papers at all levels of competition are guaranteed publication in *The Book of Winners* for 2009. Those who won Best of the Best Awards at State for outstanding writing at the Regional level are listed here. Each received a \$50 Savings Bond and an award certificate if they were present to receive them. Power of the Pen does not, as a matter of policy and principle, mail awards to absentee winners.

Seventh Grade

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Hannah Digman	St Peter School	Huron	Erie
DeVon Halliday	Athens Middle School	Athens	Athens
Sarah McBride	Bexley Middle School	Bexley	Franklin
Alex Pfiesser	Dominion Middle School	Columbus	Franklin
Carson Williams	Timberstone Junior High	Sylvania	Lucas

Eighth Grade

Ashley Calvani	Mason Middle School	Mason	Warren
Sarah Dixon	Roosevelt Middle School	Springfield	Clark
Zoe Dong	Miller South School	Akron	Summit
Rachel Kay King	Hadley E Watts MS	Dayton	Montgomery
Joseph Kowalski	Norwalk Catholic School	Norwalk	Huron
Arman Odabas	New Albany Middle School	New Albany	Franklin
Lauren Pickard	Kettering Middle School	Kettering	Montgomery
Bridget Reilly	St James White Oak	Cincinnati	Hamilton
Lysette Roman	Olmsted Falls Middle School	Olmsted Falls	Cuyahoga
Morgan Shaw	Northridge Middle School	Springfield	Clark
Randi Sternsher	Clinton-Massie MS	Clarksville	Clinton
Paloma Wiggins	McKinney Middle School	Yellow Springs	Greene

NOTE: Bond applications for these awards must be returned with edited, typed and single-spaced copy of the winning work to: **Power of the Pen**, Box 442, Richfield, Ohio 44286. Bonds will not be purchased until this requirement is met.

*Winners that did not pick up awards on stage at the State Finals may be published if the edited, typed copies are sent in as required. However, winners will not receive awards if they were not present to receive them. It is always an embarrassment to have names announced on stage at State and have no one come forth to receive them. It sends a message out to sponsors, as well as participants, that the prestige of these awards is not valued by the recipient.

Best of the Best

2009 State Finals

In keeping with the ruling of the State Committee to publish the Best of the Best for the State Tournament instead of the written work of the top fifteen winners, these are the contestants who wrote a best response to a single prompt at The College of Wooster State Finals this year. All will receive \$50 Savings Bonds and State medallions when edited copy of winning work is received at the State Office. If a student wrote more than a single Best of the Best paper, a bond for each will be awarded but only one medallion. All Best of the Best papers will be published in the 2009 Book of Winners.

Grade Seven

<u>Round</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Title of Piece</u>
1	Jessie Anderson	Laurel School	Shaker Hts	Cuyahoga	"Torn Curtain" (revised title)
2	Rachel Quesenberry	Crestwood MS	Mantua	Portage	"The Nerd"
3	Olivia Smith Emily Price	Gahanna MS East Howland MS	Gahanna Warren	Franklin Trumbull	"Out of Wedlock" "Eye-shadow"
4	Alix Prybyla Sheridan Palus	Old Trail School McCord JHS	Bath Sylvania	Summit Lucas	"Frozen in Time" (revised title) "Steamed, Broiled, Baked"

Grade Eight

<u>Round</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Title of Piece</u>
1	Emily Hogya	Summit Country Day School	Cincinnati	Hamilton	"Solitude"
	Alex Gauding Tracy Wong	Independence MS Sycamore JHS	Independence Cincinnati	Cuyahoga Hamilton	"Bedskirts and Broken Hearts" "Five Years Apart"
2	Lindsey Cook Nathan Pecchia Rachael Paul Shannon Fillingin	Kenston MS Canfield MS Lake MS Magsig MS	Chagrin Falls Canfield Hartville Centerville	Geauga Mahoning Stark Montgomery	"To Owner from Computer" "The Dollhouse People" "Kitty-Kat" (revised title) "Crossing the Line"
3	Megan Zupon	Laurel School	Shaker Hts	Cuyahoga	"Survival"
4	Marie Harp Anahita Sharma	Miller South New Albany MS	Akron New Albany	Summit Franklin	"The Red Sari" "Fragile Shell"

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SELECTED STATISTICAL DATA OF INTEREST
2009 STATE FINALS
The College of Wooster
May 21-22, 2009

Schools Registered **267**

Contestants Registered

Seventh **330**

Eighth **338**

TOTAL **668**

Teacher/Judges **366**

Tournament Staff **33**

Parent/Adult
Volunteer Workers est. **75**

Student Runners **154**

Relatives & Guests **184**

Judge-to-Contestant Ratio **1 to 1.8**

Number of 100 Quality Point Scores **9**

Percentage of Contestants **1.40%**

**Number of pieces of Student Writing
produced and evaluated by Judges** **2,220**
