



## State Tournament Overview

# College of Wooster State Finals

**Location:** Wooster, Ohio 44691

**Tournament Date:** May 20-21, 2010

**Host School Coordinator:** Lorraine Merrill, *Executive Director*

### Tournament Summary

- There were 280 schools in attendance, with 355 Seventh Graders and 352 Eighth Graders: a total of 707 contestants in all. Teacher-tournament writing judges numbered 390.
- Support Staff included 38 tournament staff, 150 student runners, and 65 (est) additional parent/adult volunteer workers. An estimated 300 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 2,337.

### 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.
- Bob 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 who handled all housing and food arrangements for the conference; Mary Anderson and Cindy Snow who headed up the Tab Room operations; Heidi Ferguson and Laura Leonard who acted as *Principal Writing Supervisors*; Jane Warner, Guest Author Book Sale *Chairperson*; Pat Shapaka who helmed the ever-popular sale of the tee shirts; and Beth Dixon, POP *State Coordinator*, who— along with her many other responsibilities— both supervised the Ballot Runners and oversaw the Awards Program.

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**SPECIAL AWARDS**

**The College of Wooster  
May 21, 2010**

**The Promising Young Talent Award**

*Selected by Margaret Peterson Haddix, Guest Author*

**Mikale Thomas**, Cleveland Hts-University Hts Schools

*Special Commendations*

**Hayley Kick** (*Runner-up*), West Holmes Middle School, Millersburg

**Megan Zupon**, Laurel School, Shaker Heights

**Reagan Wilkins**, Indian Hill Middle School, Cincinnati

**The College of Wooster \$24,000 Scholarship Awards**

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

**Mikale Thomas**, Cleveland Hts-University Hts Schools

**Marie Harp**, Miller South School, Akron

**Creative Awards for Talented Young Writers**

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

**Seventh Grade**

First Place: **Lauren Wheeler**, Lake Middle School, Hartville

Second Place: **Devon Halliday**, Athens Middle School, Athens

Third Place- *tie*: **Peter Kratcoski**, St Patrick School, Kent

Third Place- *tie*: **Emily Price**, Howland Middle School, Warren

**Eighth Grade**

First Place **Marie Harp**, Miller South School, Akron

Second Place: **Shannon Fillingim**, Magsig Middle School, Centerville

Third Place- *tie*: **Megan Zupon**, Laurel School, Shaker Heights

Third Place- *tie*: **Kevin Hwang**, Athens Middle School, Athens

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### **Humor Awards**

*Selected by Tom Stafford, Springfield News-Sun*

**Lauren Wheeler**, Lake Middle School, Hartville

**Alex Pfeiffer**, Dominion Middle School, Columbus

### **Poetry Award**

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

**Gina Clepper**, Gahanna Middle School- East, Gahanna

*Honorable Mentions*

**Theresa Klinshirn**, Learwood Middle School, Avon Lake

**Tess Webster**, Ridgeview Middle School, Columbus

**Naomi Guth**, McKinney Middle School, Yellow Springs

**Han Mahle**, Edgewood Middle School, Wooster

### **Lisa Pruett Scholarship Award**

**Emily Williams**, St Christopher School, Vandalia

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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	St Michael School	KSU- Stark	Stark	Canton	LD
2	Brecksville-Broadvi Middle	Heskett Middle School	Cuyahoga	Broadview Heights	DU
3	Hawken School	Hudson Middle School	Cuyahoga	Lyndhurst	HU
4	Seton Catholic School	KSU- Kent	Summit	Hudson	KC
5	Athens Middle School	Unioto Junior High	Athens	Athens	SZ
6	Learwood Middle School	Learwood Middle School	Lorain	Avon Lake	LW
7	Princeton Community Middle	Princeton Community Middle	Hamilton	Cincinnati	SD
8	Harding Middle School	Heskett Middle School	Cuyahoga	Lakewood	FC
9	McCord Junior High School	Findlay High School	Lucas	Sylvania	BR
10	Old Trail School	KSU- Kent	Summit	Bath	JX
11	Hathaway Brown School	Hudson Middle School	Cuyahoga	Shaker Heights	HT
12	Davis Middle School	Henry Karrer MS	Franklin	Dublin	CQ
13	Talawanda Middle	Princeton Community Middle	Butler	Oxford	SS
14	Mason Middle School	Princeton Community Middle	Warren	Mason	SA
15	Olmsted Falls Middle School	Learwood Middle School	Cuyahoga	Olmsted Falls	LY
16	Copley-Fairlawn Middle	Mount Vernon Middle School	Summit	Copley	QS
17	Indian Valley Middle School	A I Root Middle School	Tuscarawas	Tuscarawas	AR
18	Wyoming Middle School	Princeton Community Middle	Hamilton	Wyoming	SX
19	Laurel School	Hudson Middle School	Cuyahoga	Shaker Heights	HY
20	Hadley E Watts Middle Sch	Wittenberg University	Montgomery	Dayton	UA
21	Berlin-Milan Middle School	Learwood Middle School	Erie	Berlin Heights	LQ
22	Claggett Middle School	A I Root Middle School	Medina	Medina	AC
23	Timberstone Jr High	Findlay High School	Lucas	Sylvania	CH
24	Maumee Valley Country Day	Findlay High School	Lucas	Toledo	BQ
25	Summit Country Day School	Princeton Community Middle	Hamilton	Cincinnati	SQ

**SEVENTH GRADE CHAMPS- Top 25**

<b><u>Rank</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>City</u></b>	<b><u>Regional</u></b>	<b><u>Code</u></b>
1	Zuercher, Rowena	John R. Lea Middle	Apple Creek	A I Root Middle School	AS71
2	Gandenberger, Kristen	St James School	Cincinnati	Princeton Community	SK71
3	Rahman, Nadia	Indian Hill Middle Sch	Cincinnati	Princeton Community	RS71
4	Wright, Sarah	Pleasant View Middle	Grove City	Henry Karrer MS	DD71
5	Armao, Anna	Old Trail School	Bath	KSU- Kent	JX71
6	Fenstermaker, Emma	Athens Middle School	Athens	Unioto Junior High	SZ71
7	Klann, Renee	Harding Middle School	Lakewood	Heskett Middle School	FC71
8	Cerimele, Gina	LaBrae Middle School	Leavittsburg	KSU- Stark	KW71
9	Semple, Connor	Seton Catholic School	Hudson	KSU- Kent	KC74
10	Johnson, Breanne	John XXIII School	Middletown	Princeton Community	RT71
11	Moore, Dayanara	Stanton Middle School	Kent	KSU- Kent	KL71
12	Levin, Trevor	Birchwood School	Cleveland	KSU- Kent	JJ71
13	Lucas, Kalea	Gahanna MS South	Gahanna	Henry Karrer MS	CU71
14	Rice, Briana	Schl Creative/ Perform	Cincinnati	Princeton Community	SH72
15	Guggenbiller, Denise	Avon Middle School	Avon	Learwood Middle School	LK71
16	Pivonka, Max	St Columbkille School	Parma	Heskett Middle School	FW71
17	Heyd, Valerie	Hawken School	Lyndhurst	Hudson Middle School	HU71
18	Suarez, Camilla	New Albany Middle	New Albany	Mount Vernon Middle	RB71
19	Ciupak, Coral	Claggett Middle School	Medina	A I Root Middle School	AC71
20	Walsh, Shannon	Lebanon Junior High	Lebanon	Princeton Community	RX71
21	Murthy, Tessa	Hathaway Brown School	Shaker Heights	Hudson Middle School	HT73
22	Fiscarelli-Mintz, Sarah	Hathaway Brown School	Shaker Heights	Hudson Middle School	HT74
23	Lesiak, Kathryn	Olmsted Falls Middle	Olmsted Falls	Learwood Middle School	LY72
24	Mahle, Han	Edgewood Middle School	Wooster	A I Root Middle School	AK71
25	Holdren, Sydney	New Bremen Junior Hlgh	New Bremen	Minster Middle School	QF71

<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	UW81
2	Telford, Taylor	Mason Middle School	Mason	Princeton Community	SA82
3	Jutte, Dana	Minster Middle School	Minster	Minster Middle School	QC81
4	Merickel, Emily	Gahanna MS West	Gahanna	Henry Karrer MS	CW81
5	Schmit, Megan	A I Root Middle School	Medina	A I Root Middle School	AA83
6	Morton, Rachael	Talawanda Middle	Oxford	Princeton Community	SS81
7	Suslowitz, Marissa	Indian Valley Middle	Tuscarawas	A I Root Middle School	AR82
8	Rintoul, Meredith	Hadley E Watts Middle	Dayton	Wittenberg University	UA82
9	Winger, Rachel	Davis Middle School	Dublin	Henry Karrer MS	CQ82
10	Michalk, Micaela	Lake Middle School	Hartville	KSU- Stark	KX82
11	Detty, Liberty	Unioto Junior High	Chillicothe	Unioto Junior High	TU81
12	Turkaly, Carolyn	Hudson Middle School	Hudson	Hudson Middle School	HW83
13	Roberson, Josh	Princeton Community	Cincinnati	Princeton Community	SD84
14	Varcho, Nora	Harding Middle School	Lakewood	Heskett Middle School	FC83
15	Flynn, Leslie	St Paul School	North Canton	KSU- Stark	LF81
16	Hong, Jisoo	Henry Karrer MS	Dublin	Henry Karrer MS	CY81
17	Mustric, Allie	Gahanna MS East	Gahanna	Henry Karrer MS	CT82
18	Mansinghani, Anjali	St Michael School	Independence	Heskett Middle School	FZ81
19	Halliday, Devon	Athens Middle School	Athens	Unioto Junior High	SZ82
20	Du, Anna	Hawken School	Lyndhurst	Hudson Middle School	HU81
21	Scherer, Mary	St Jude School	Elyria	Learwood Middle School	MF81
22	Maendel, Lydia	West Branch Middle	Beloit	KSU- Stark	LH81
23	Spiro, Elijah	Hawken School	Lyndhurst	Hudson Middle School	HU83
24	Pupino, Angela	Canfield Village MS	Canfield	KSU- Stark	KR81
25	Plenefisch, Sonya	McCord Junior High	Sylvania	Findlay High School	BR84

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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	Ciupak, Coral	Claggett Middle School	Medina	A I Root Middle School	AC71
2	Zuercher, Rowena	John R. Lea Middle	Apple Creek	A I Root Middle School	AS71
3	Winzenread, Alex	Summit Country Day	Cincinnati	Princeton Community	SQ72
4	Gandenberger, Kristen	St James School	Cincinnati	Princeton Community	SK71
5	Walsh, Shannon	Lebanon Junior High	Lebanon	Princeton Community	RX71
6	Frew, Kelsey	Seton Catholic School	Hudson	KSU- Kent	KC71
7	Mahle, Han	Edgewood Middle School	Wooster	A I Root Middle School	AK71
8	Liao, David	Mason Middle School	Mason	Princeton Community	SA71
9	Holdren, Sydney	New Bremen Junior High	New Bremen	Minster Middle School	QF71
10	Schroeder, Kelly	Kings Jr High School	Kings Mills	Princeton Community	RU72
11	Fisher, Annabelle	Berlin-Milan Middle	Berlin Heights	Learwood Middle School	LQ72
12	Murthy, Tessa	Hathaway Brown School	Shaker Heights	Hudson Middle School	HT73
13	Rahman, Nadia	Indian Hill Middle Sch	Cincinnati	Princeton Community	RS71
14	Fiscarelli-Mintz, Sarah	Hathaway Brown School	Shaker Heights	Hudson Middle School	HT74
15	Clepper, Gina	Gahanna MS East	Gahanna	Henry Karrer MS	CT71
16	Barger, Kara	Indian Valley Middle	Tuscarawas	A I Root Middle School	AR71
17	Fenstermaker, Emma	Athens Middle School	Athens	Unioto Junior High	SZ71
18	Downey, Sabrina	Laurel School	Shaker Heights	Hudson Middle School	HY71
19	Levin, Trevor	Birchwood School	Cleveland	KSU- Kent	JJ71
20	Holman, Elise	Harmon Middle School	Aurora	KSU- Kent	JQ71
21	Ross, Kayla	Morgan Jr High	McConnelsville	Unioto Junior High	TL72
22	Johnson, Breanne	John XXIII School	Middletown	Princeton Community	RT71
23	Wilson, Charley	Schl Creative/ Perform	Cincinnati	Princeton Community	SH71
24	Cerimele, Gina	LaBrae Middle School	Leavittsburg	KSU- Stark	KW71
25	Lesiak, Kathryn	Olmsted Falls Middle	Olmsted Falls	Learwood Middle School	LY72
26	Mahoney, Maggie	St James School	Cincinnati	Princeton Community	SK72
27	Jones, Kellie	Davis Middle School	Dublin	Henry Karrer MS	CQ74
28	Odoguardi, Jillian	John Sells Middle School	Dublin	Henry Karrer MS	DB72
29	Jin, Alison	Hawken School	Lyndhurst	Hudson Middle School	HU72
30	Monsewicz, Katie	Lake Middle School	Hartville	KSU- Stark	KX72
31	Riegel, Devon	Chagrin Falls Middle	Chagrin Falls	Hudson Middle School	HL71
32	Negowski, Susan	Copley-Fairlawn Middle	Copley	Mount Vernon Middle	QS72
33	Davis, Tiffany	Dominion Middle School	Columbus	Henry Karrer MS	CR71
34	Suarez, Camilla	New Albany Middle	New Albany	Mount Vernon Middle	RB71
35	Guggenbiller, Denise	Avon Middle School	Avon	Learwood Middle School	LK71
36	Gelis, Madeline	Madeira Middle School	Cincinnati	Princeton Community	RY71
37	Armao, Anna	Old Trail School	Bath	KSU- Kent	JX71
38	Lucas, Kalea	Gahanna MS South	Gahanna	Henry Karrer MS	CU71
39	Cyr, Ana	Wiley Middle School	University Height	Heskett Middle School	HD71
40	Wright, Sarah	Pleasant View Middle	Grove City	Henry Karrer MS	DD71
41	Semple, Connor	Seton Catholic School	Hudson	KSU- Kent	KC74
42	Geyer, John	Bethany School	Glendale	Princeton Community	RL71
43	Steinkerchner, Leo	Wadsworth Middle	Wadsworth	A I Root Middle School	BA73
44	Lentz, Sarah	Monticello Middle School	Cleveland Heights	Heskett Middle School	FH71

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45	Anderson, Grace	Berkshire JHS	Burton	Hudson Middle School	HJ71
46	Vrabec, Alison	Copley-Fairlawn Middle	Copley	Mount Vernon Middle	QS74
47	Klann, Renee	Harding Middle School	Lakewood	Heskett Middle School	FC71
48	Cavanaugh, Elizabeth	Olmsted Falls Middle	Olmsted Falls	Learwood Middle School	LY71
49	Rice, Briana	Schl Creative/ Perform	Cincinnati	Princeton Community	SH72
50	Gossard, Elaine	Wadsworth Middle	Wadsworth	A I Root Middle School	BA71
51	Moore, Dayanara	Stanton Middle School	Kent	KSU- Kent	KL71
52	Pivonka, Max	St Columbkille School	Parma	Heskett Middle School	FW71
53	Heyd, Valerie	Hawken School	Lyndhurst	Hudson Middle School	HU71
55	Pytel, Lauren	Claggett Middle School	Medina	A I Root Middle School	AC72

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**EIGHTH FINALISTS**

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Regional</u>	<u>Code</u>
1	Mahjoub, Heba	Howland Middle School	Warren	KSU- Stark	KT83
2	Halliday, Devon	Athens Middle School	Athens	Unioto Junior High	SZ82
3	Williams, Emily	St Christopher School	Vandalia	Wittenberg University	UW81
4	Maendel, Lydia	West Branch Middle	Beloit	KSU- Stark	LH81
5	Spiro, Elijah	Hawken School	Lyndhurst	Hudson Middle School	HU83
6	Fosnight, Amanda	Crestwood Middle	Mantua	KSU- Kent	JL81
7	Schmit, Megan	A I Root Middle School	Medina	A I Root Middle School	AA83
8	Plenefisch, Sonya	McCord Junior High	Sylvania	Findlay High School	BR84
9	Telford, Taylor	Mason Middle School	Mason	Princeton Community	SA82
10	Markowitz, Leah	Brecksville-Broadvi	Broadview Heights	Heskett Middle School	DU83
11	Du, Anna	Hawken School	Lyndhurst	Hudson Middle School	HU81
12	Pupino, Angela	Canfield Village MS	Canfield	KSU- Stark	KR81
13	Tilton, Laurel	Talawanda Middle	Oxford	Princeton Community	SS83
14	Huff, Emily	Mason Middle School	Mason	Princeton Community	SA83
15	Mendoza, Mark	Princeton Community	Cincinnati	Princeton Community	SD82
16	Fernandez, Kelly	Granville Middle	Granville	Mount Vernon Middle	QT82
17	Winger, Rachel	Davis Middle School	Dublin	Henry Karrer MS	CQ82
18	Levesque, Anna	St Margaret of York	Loveland	Princeton Community	SL82
19	Michalk, Micaela	Lake Middle School	Hartville	KSU- Stark	KX82
20	Scherer, Mary	St Jude School	Elyria	Learwood Middle School	MF81
21	Roberson, Josh	Princeton Community	Cincinnati	Princeton Community	SD84
22	Jutte, Dana	Minster Middle School	Minster	Minster Middle School	QC81
23	Szerenyi, Corah	West Geauga Local	Chesterland	Hudson Middle School	WA82
24	Husting, Claire	St Margaret of York	Loveland	Princeton Community	SL81
25	Merickel, Emily	Gahanna MS West	Gahanna	Henry Karrer MS	CW81
26	Flynn, Leslie	St Paul School	North Canton	KSU- Stark	LF81
27	Halfacre, Veronica	Mad River Middle School	Riverside	Wittenberg University	UF81
28	Brawely, Miah	Southeast Middle School	Diamond	KSU- Kent	KD81
29	Turkaly, Carolyn	Hudson Middle School	Hudson	Hudson Middle School	HW83
30	Slogar, Jen	St Michael School	Canton	KSU- Stark	LD84
31	Morton, Rachael	Talawanda Middle	Oxford	Princeton Community	SS81
32	Grantham, Erin	Chardon Middle School	Chardon	Hudson Middle School	HM81
33	Rintoul, Meredith	Hadley E Watts Middle	Dayton	Wittenberg University	UA82
34	Mansinghani, Anjali	St Michael School	Independence	Heskett Middle School	FZ81
35	Brewer, Christina	McKinney Middle School	Yellow Springs	Minster Middle School	QB81
36	Detty, Liberty	Unioto Junior High	Chillicothe	Unioto Junior High	TU81
37	Drake, Amanda	Big Walnut Middle	Sunbury	Henry Karrer MS	CM81
38	Gwitz, Bri	Shelby Middle School	Shelby	Mount Vernon Middle	RF81
39	Prybyla, Alix	Old Trail School	Bath	KSU- Kent	JX84
40	Neff, Sarah	Harding Middle School	Lakewood	Heskett Middle School	FC82
41	Suslowitz, Marissa	Indian Valley Middle	Tuscarawas	A I Root Middle School	AR82
42	Werts, Marissa	Bellbrook Middle School	Bellbrook	Minster Middle School	MR83
43	Staton, Callie	Woodmore Middle	Woodville	Learwood Middle School	ML82
44	Hutton, Haley	Lakota Ridge Junior	West Chester	Princeton Community	RW81

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<b><u>Rank</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>City</u></b>	<b><u>Regional</u></b>	<b><u>Code</u></b>
45	Gravlee, Benjamin	Alliance Middle School	Alliance	KSU- Stark	KQ82
46	Siegel, Morgan	Fort Loramie HS	Fort Loramie	Minster Middle School	MX81
47	Varcho, Nora	Harding Middle School	Lakewood	Heskett Middle School	FC83
48	Barajas, Alyssa	Zane Trace Middle	Chillicothe	Unioto Junior High	TX81
49	Mustric, Allie	Gahanna MS East	Gahanna	Henry Karrer MS	CT82
50	Parker, Samantha	Blanchester Middle	Blanchester	Princeton Community	RM81
51	Novak, Hayley	Ford Middle School	Brook Park	Heskett Middle School	DZ81
52	Humphries, Jenna	St Michael School	Canton	KSU- Stark	LD81
53	Hong, Jisoo	Henry Karrer MS	Dublin	Henry Karrer MS	CY81
55	Mills, Molly	Olmsted Falls Middle	Olmsted Falls	Learwood Middle School	LY81

## 2010 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 2010. 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>
Alexis Anderson	St Michael School	Independence	Cuyahoga
Coral Ciupak	Claggett Middle School	Medina	Medina
Cina Cleppeter	Gahanna MS- East	Gahanna	Franklin
Kristen Gandenberger	St James School	Cincinnati	Hamilton
Madison Hansborough	Learwood Middle School	Avon Lake	Lorain
Alison Jin	Hawken School	Lyndhurst	Cuyahoga
Tessa Murthy	Hathaway Brown School	Shaker Heights	Cuyahoga
Lauren Pytel	Claggett Middle School	Medina	Medina
Colleen Spahits	St Matthew School	Gahanna	Franklin
Alex Walsh	Lake Ridge Academy	North Ridgeville	Lorain
Sam Wentworth	Indian Valley Middle School	Tuscarawas	Tuscarawas

### Eighth Grade

Brittany Cole	Grade Valley Middle School	Orwell	Ashtabula
Sabrina Djemil	Brecksville-Broadview Hts	Broadview Hts	Cuyahoga
Amanda Drake	Big Walnut Middle School	Sunbury	Delaware
Zack Frederick	Berlin-Milan Middle School	Berlin Heights	Erie
Bri Gwartz	Shelby Middle School	Shelby	Richland
Stephanie Herron	Wadsworth Middle School	Wadsworth	Medina
Hayley Novak	Ford Middle School	Brook Park	Cuyahoga
Kate Petroff	Learwood Middle School	Avon Lake	Lorain
Alix Prybyla	Old Trail School	Bath	Summit
Megan Schmit	A I Root Middle School	Medina	Medina
Aaron Shaffer	Lexington JHS	Lexington	Richland
Jennifer Sherwood	Sandusky JHS	Sandusky	Erie
Amy Squire	Old Trail School	Bath	Summit
Marissa Suslowitz	Indian Valley Middle School	Tuscarawas	Tuscarawas
Olivia Thomakos	Tuscarawas Central	New Philadelphia	Tuscarawas
Carolyn Turkaly	Hudson Middle School	Hudson	Summit

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

## 2010 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 2010 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	Emily Wright	Hudson MS	Hudson	Summit	"The Second Mother"
2	Becca Lambright Darcy Schild	Hathaway Brown Perkins MS	Shaker Hts Sandusky	Cuyahoga Erie	"Symphony of Love (revised title) "Forever Young" (revised title)
3	*Nadia Rahman Sara Shyte Zach Hullinger Hallie Heffernan	Indian Hills MS Garfield MS White Oak MS Miller South MS	Cincinnati Lakewood Cincinnati Akron	Hamilton Cuyahoga Hamilton Summit	"Paper Self" (suggested title) "Behind Closed Doors" "Your Royal Neatness" "Natalie's Door"
4	Han Mahle *Nadia Rahman Sabrina Downey	Edgewood MS Indian Hill MS Laurel School	Wooster Cincinnati Shaker Hts	Wayne Hamilton Cuyahoga	"Eye in the Sky" "Life and Breath" (suggested title) "The Mighty One"

### Grade Eight

<u>Round</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Title of Piece</u>
1	Haley Hutton Katie Shen Cathy Lin	Lakota Ridge MS Solon MS Mason MS	West Chester Solon Mason	Butler Cuyahoga Warren	"Cheater" "Skin" "Breakfast Blues" (revised title)
2	Sabrina Djemil Elijah Spiro *Megan Schmit	Brecksville-Broadv Hawken MS A I Root MS	Broadview Hts Lyndhurst Medina	Cuyahoga Cuyahoga Medina	"Ignorance and the Mad Bomber Girl" "The Bad Apple" "The Pinks"
3	Jessie Anderson Scheile Preston Rachael Morton Mark Mendoza	Lauren School Princeton MS Talawanda MS Princeton MS	Shaker Hts Cincinnati Oxford Cincinnati	Cuyahoga Hamilton Butler Hamilton	"America the Liberated" "America the Lie" "Pretty in Red" "Go Fly a Kite" (revised title)
4	Emily Grace Huff Carolyn Turkaly *Megan Schmit Jisco Hong	Mason MS Hudson MS A I Root H Karrer MS	Mason Hudson Medina Dublin	Warren Summit Medina Franklin	"She is Her Own" "The Ditch" "The Statue" "The Sky"

Send edited papers to:  
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SELECTED STATISTICAL DATA OF INTEREST  
**2010 STATE FINALS**  
The College of Wooster  
May 20-21, 2010

**Schools** Registered                      **280**

**Contestants** Registered

Seventh                                      355

Eighth                                        352

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**TOTAL**                                      **707**

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**Teacher/Judges**                              **390**

**Tournament Staff**                              **38**

**Parent/Adult**  
**Volunteer Workers *est.***                              **65**

**Student Runners**                              **150**

**Relatives & Guests**                              **300**

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

**Number of 100 Quality Point Scores**                              **7**

**Percentage of Contestants**                              **1.00%**

**Number of pieces of Student Writing  
produced and evaluated by Judges**                              **2,337**

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