

January 31, 2011

Students from Parker Junior High School in Flossmoor School District 161 participated in the South Suburban Junior High Association's Speech and Theatre Arts Festival held Wednesday, January 19, at Colin Powell Middle School in Matteson.

Seven of the ten Junior High Schools in the Association were represented during the performance schedule that included Poetry, Monologue, Duet Acting, Oral Interpretation, and Original Oratory.

Each student participant was judged on their individual performance in either poetry reading or original oratory. The ratings were good, excellent and superior. The categories in which they were evaluated included general performance, audibility, articulation/vocal clarity, vocal fluency, vocal expressiveness, stage presence, and mood and message.

In Poetry performance Mbella Beseka and Aundrina LaNier each received a score of Superior, Leah Moss and Shelly Ray scored excellent. In Oral Interpretation, Arminda Cako received a score of Superior, and Imani Muhammad scored Excellent. Destiny Lynn received a score of Excellent in the category of Original Oratory.

This is the fourth year that Karen Crispe, Language Arts teacher, has coached the Parker students.

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