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Harrison High School Junior Wins 2nd Round American Legion Speech Contest, Area 4 Next

Audrey McNeal, a Junior from Harrison High School, won the American Legion District 5 (GA)/Second Round of the American Legion Department of Georgia's 82nd U.S. Constitution High School Oratorical Scholarship Contest. McNeal advanced after winning the first round contest Jan. 19th at Legion Post 304 in Acworth. Finishing 2nd was Trayson Martin, a Senior from Georgia Cyber Academy in Atlanta. Martin resides in Powder Springs and advanced after winning his first round contest at Legion Post 294. The event was held Sat., Feb. 2nd at Legion Post 304 in Acworth.

In addition to again winning a \$350 cash award, Ms. McNeal will now advance to the third round, the Area 4 Contest, at 1:00pm, Sat., Feb. 16th, also to be held at Post 304, 4220 S. Main St., Acworth. She will compete against winners of the Legion's 4th and 7th District contests, located in northwest Georgia.

The winner of the Area 4 contest will advance to compete in the Dept. of Georgia state contest on Mar. 3rd at Mercer University-Macon Campus in Macon, GA. The state winner will represent Georgia in the National Finals Competition, April 5-7, 2019 in Indianapolis, IN.

In addition to the cash awards by winners of the various state/local elimination rounds, college scholarships of \$18,000 (1st Place), \$16,000 (2nd Place), and \$14,000 (3rd Place) will be awarded in the National Finals contest. The American Legion pays the expenses of state winners at the national contest.

The American Legion Department of Georgia's 5th District includes 20 Legion Posts in the following Northwest Georgia counties: Cobb, Paulding, Fulton, Douglas, Coweta, Heard, Carroll and Haralson.

For more information, please visit www.legion.org/oratorical or contact: Chuck Polk, chuckah@icloud.com, (770) 855-6201.



Front Row (L to R): Audrey McNeal (1st Place), 11th Grade, Harrison High School, Kennesaw; Trayson Martin (2nd Place), 12th Grade, Georgia Cyber Academy, Atlanta

Back Row (L to R): Chuck Polk, American Legion District 5 (GA) Oratorical Chair; Kevin Marcy (Judge), Owner, Georgia Funeral Care/Acworth; Nicolle Williams (Judge), Director-Startup Operations for Speak Life Mgt; Ben Baughman (Judge), Curator, Southern Museum of Civil War & Locomotive History, Kennesaw; James Fultz, American Legion District 5 (GA) Commander



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JIM FULTZ
COMMANDER
DISTRICT 5
GEORGIA

The American Legion

Certificate of Participation

**Audrey McNeal, Harrison High
Post 304 Winner**

*is awarded this Certificate in Appreciation of
and Recognition for Active Participation in
82nd Annual National High School
Oratorical Scholarship Program
'A Constitutional Speech Contest'*

District 1, Department of Georgia
Feb. 24, 2019 South West, Acworth, Georgia
Feb. 2nd day of February, 2019

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Audrey McNeal (1st Place), 11th Grade, Harrison High School, Kennesaw, receives her winner's certificate and cash \$350 cash award from James Fultz, American Legion District 5 (GA) Commander

