

The Jiangsu Cup 1st High School Chinese Speech Contest in Georgia

The First Jiangsu Cup Chinese Speech Contest For Georgia High School Student held on October 31, 2015 was a resounding success. The contest gave students the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of the Chinese language by reciting a speech they wrote themselves. Students were also challenged in their knowledge of aspects of Jiangsu culture – including history and geography. In this first year, 21 contestants from nine high schools across Georgia participated in the contest. Huangfa Zhang, the deputy director of the Jiangsu International Cultural Exchange Center, was very impressed with all of the student performances. Aimin Cheng, the dean of the Institute for International Students at Nanjing University, said he had been to many college Chinese speech contests around the world, but this was the first high school Chinese speech contest he had ever attended; he states that he was surprised by both the proficiency of the students and the passion they displayed during the contest. The Jiangsu Cup provides a unique reward to the top winners. The speech contest was also featured here: <http://www.chinaqw.com/hwjy/2015/11-03/69114.shtml>

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The winners from each level were as follows:

二级组:

第一名 Harrison Rodriguez 罗函 The Lovett School

第二名 Doyeon Yook 陆道渊 Peachtree Ridge High School

第三名 Neel Edupugant 杜霓 Woodward Academy
Nathan Moore North Hall High School

三级组:

第一名 Katie Krantz 关凯蒂 The Lovett School
第二名 Mehal Churiwal 崔美云 North View High School

第三名 William Horton 何威 Woodward Academy
Jennifer Jimenez 珍妮 Gainesville High School

四级组:

第一名 James Packman 潘杰士 The Lovett School

第二名 Ashley Tousana 昂心 North Spring Charter High
School

第三名 Kalyani Ballur North View High School