

2025 Voice Achievement Awards Report

The VAA took place on March 15, 2025 at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Annandale. There was no charge for use of the facility.

Our judges were Byron Jones and Christine Thomas O'Mealy. The competition began at 10:00 AM and ended at 3:00 PM. The judges were paid \$360 each.

8 teachers participated: Nancy Smith, Rita Gigliotti, Lani Jacobson, Christiane Huff, Tim Chang, Bharati Somn, Marcia Espenschied and Peggy McNulty

34 students registered (3 less than in 2024)

13 in Division One (8th - 10th grade)

10 Division Two (11th & 12th grades)

6 Adults in Division Three

5 comment only students

Judges used their laptops to type comments and entered their scores in a spreadsheet at the end of each division.

Teachers brought food for the judges.

Lani Jacobson did programs (we saved money on printing by using a QR code - thanks to Bharati Soman's help)

We had no expenses other than awards (\$1050) and judges' pay (\$360).

Results:

Division 1

1st Place: Shane Gibson, student of Rita Gigliotti

2nd Place: Jenna Franke, student of Nancy MacArthur Smith

3rd Place: Langlen Heisnam, student of Lani Jacobson

Honorable Mention: Aline Todd, student of Christiane Huff

Heidi Hager, student of Tim Chang

James Abidin, student of Nancy MacArthur Smith
Rahel Kassa, student of Bharati Soman
Sebastian Rudd, student of Margaret McNulty

Division 2

1st Place: Alessandra Fiore, student of Rita Gigliotti
2nd Place: Jack Abidin, student of Nancy MacArthur Smith
3rd Place: Clelia Benedetti, student of Margaret McNulty
Honorable Mention:
Julia Bloy, student of Lani Jacobson
Isabel Adams, student of Rita Gigliotti

Division 3

1st Place: Leslie Bashiom, student of Marcia Espenschied
2nd Place: Donna Hamilton, student of Margaret McNulty
3rd Place: Lori Daly, student of Marcia Espenschied