

## News Release

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### Polk County Students Win 2013 PCBA Law Day Competition

The Polk County Bar Association (PCBA) awarded numerous prizes to Polk County students at its annual Law Day luncheon at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Des Moines on May 14, 2013. PCBA sponsored the visual arts, music, essay and poetry competition for 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade students in Polk County on this year's theme of "Realizing the Dream: Equality for All." District Associate Judge Romonda Belcher of the Fifth Judicial District was keynote speaker.

Photos from the event and some of the winning entries can be seen at PCBA's website at [www.pcbaonline.org](http://www.pcbaonline.org). The following students listed and their schools won in various categories:

**High School Music & Performing Arts:** First Place: Moriah Henning, Alena Peterson, Sierra Lucht, Brianna Devin, and Nathan Walsh, Ankeny High School, Ankeny; Second Place Tie: Chase Harrison, Ankeny High School, Ankeny and Colton Sleister, Northview Middle School, Ankeny

**Middle School Visual Arts:** First Place: Abbi Denner, Northview Middle School, Ankeny; Second Place: Spencer Smith, St. Theresa, Des Moines; Third Place: Kylie Jespersen, Northview Middle School, Ankeny

**High School Visual Arts:** First Place: Richelle Manuel, Ankeny High School, Ankeny; Second Place: Gavin Smith, Dowling Catholic High School, West Des Moines; Third Place Tie: Sierra Lucht, Ankeny High School, Ankeny and Cassie Frazier, Savanna Henning, and Lindsey Settle, Northview Middle School, Ankeny

**Middle School Essay:** First Place: Kylie Jespersen, Northview Middle School, Ankeny

**High School Essay:** First Place: Patrick McReynolds, Ankeny High School, Ankeny; Second Place: Kaitlin Peterson, Ankeny High School, Ankeny; Third Place Tie: Abby Dockum, Johnston High School, Johnston and Rachel Manderscheid, Northview Middle School, Ankeny

**Middle School Poetry:** First Place: Shivani Kumaresan, Central Academy, Des Moines; Second Place Tie: Justin Gard, Johnston Middle School, Johnston; and Harshini Abbaraju, Summit Middle School, Johnston

**High School Poetry:** First Place: Emily E. Smith, Dowling Catholic High School, West Des Moines; Second Place: Dakota Lucht, Northview Middle School, Ankeny; Third Place Tie: Integrity Narcisse, Roosevelt High School, Des Moines and Naoma Byrnes, Ankeny High School, Ankeny