

# 2017

## Merced County Speech Festival Winners

| 4th Grade Placement |                   |                  |       |                      |
|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------|----------------------|
| District            | School            | Student          | Place | Subject              |
| Atwater             | Peggy Heller      | Anya Schwartz    | 1st   | Alternative Families |
| Merced City         | Burbank           | Abby Samuelson   | 2nd   | Cursive              |
| Hilmar              | Elim Elementary   | Harrison Tinley  | 3rd   | Space/Mars           |
| Merced City         | Burbank           | Rylan Post       | HM    | Disabilities         |
| McSwain             | McSwain           | Cameron Gibson   | HM    | Swings               |
| Private             | Our Lady of Mercy | Addison Aguino   | HM    | Mr. Awesome          |
| Private             | Our Lady of Mercy | Alex Featherston | HM    | Moon & Star          |
| Atwater             | Peggy Heller      | Devony Young     | HM    | Going Green          |
| Los Banos           | Westside          | Eva Garcia       | HM    | Golden Poppy         |

| 5th Grade Placement |                   |                   |       |                       |
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| District            | School            | Student           | Place | Subject               |
| Atwater             | Peggy Heller      | Yesenia Dominguez | 1st   | Ocean Pollution       |
| Ballico-Cressey     | Ballico           | Anthony Valencia  | 2nd   | Cell Phones in Movies |
| Los Banos           | Westside          | Gabriel Rogers    | 3rd   | School Lunch          |
| Ballico-Cressey     | Ballico           | Jessica Chance    | HM    | Rodeo                 |
| Merced City         | Burbank           | Jessica Ma        | HM    | Fable-Castle of Hope  |
| Private             | Our Lady of Mercy | Josh Perez        | HM    | Vacation/Stress       |
| Private             | Our Lady of Mercy | Josh Bartley      | HM    | Veterans              |
| Private             | Our Lady of Mercy | Nicole Moradzadeh | HM    | Fast Food is Bad      |
| Delhi               | Schendel          | Rebecca Placencia | HM    | Allowance             |
| Los Banos           | Westside          | Mariah Washington | HM    | Broadway Star         |

| 6th Grade Placement |                      |                      |       |                      |
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| District            | School               | Student              | Place | Subject              |
| McSwain             | McSwain              | Leah Chapman         | 1st   | Chinese New Year     |
| Private             | Our Lady of Mercy    | Christian Macalincag | 2nd   | Fossil Fuel          |
| Private             | Our Lady of Mercy    | Hanna Moradzadeh     | 3rd   | Recycling            |
| Delhi               | Harmony              | Lucia Cisneros       | HM    | Fast Food            |
| Hilmar              | Hilmar Middle School | McKayla Aiken        | HM    | Tanzania, Africa     |
| McSwain             | McSwain              | Rose Velasquez       | HM    | Abraham Lincoln      |
| Private             | Our Lady of Mercy    | Alexa Okida          | HM    | Multiple Schools     |
| Delhi               | Schendel             | Camily Martinez      | HM    | Comm. Animal Shelter |

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| 7th Grade Placement |                   |                 |       |                     |
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| District            | School            | Student         | Place | Subject             |
| Ballico-Cressey     | Ballico           | Liliana Boesch  | 1st   | College Education   |
| Ballico-Cressey     | Ballico           | Hailey Pasley   | 2nd   | Blue Lives Matter   |
| Ballico-Cressey     | Ballico           | Chloe Grossman  | 3rd   | Sign Language       |
| Ballico-Cressey     | Ballico           | Kodi Nairm      | HM    | Small Business      |
| Hilmar              | Hilmar Middle     | Harmony Tinley  | HM    | Irena/WWII          |
| Private             | Our Lady of Mercy | Gabrielle Jasso | HM    | Compassion/Kindness |
| Private             | Our Lady of Mercy | Alana Waterman  | HM    | Women's Rights      |
| Private             | Our Lady of Mercy | Tyler Minor     | HM    | National Anthem     |
| Weaver              | Weaver Middle     | Sonia Lumley    | HM    | Unbroken/Luis S.    |

| 8th Grade Placement |                   |                    |       |                       |
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| District            | School            | Student            | Place | Subject               |
| Private             | Our Lady of Mercy | Daisy Samuelson    | 1st   | Making a difference   |
| Private             | Our Lady of Mercy | David Vidauri      | 2nd   | Miracles              |
| Ballico-Cressey     | Ballico           | Savannah Ashbaugh  | 3rd   | Social Media          |
| Ballico-Cressey     | Ballico           | Eli Figueiredo     | HM    | DC vs. Marvel         |
| Hilmar              | Hilmar Middle     | Marin Mason        | HM    | Millenials            |
| Los Banos           | Los Banos Jr High | Jasleen Kaur       | HM    | Depression            |
| Los Banos           | Los Banos Jr High | Kasey West         | HM    | Chuck Norris          |
| McSwain             | McSwain           | Isabelle Dillsaver | HM    | Cloning               |
| Private             | Our Lady of Mercy | Devyn Pennington   | HM    | Textbooks vs. Laptops |
| Weaver              | Weaver Middle     | Meliane Rivera     | HM    | Women's Soccer        |

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