

It is an exciting time in all Collier County Schools with the announcement of the Finalists for the 2019 *Laws of Life* Essay/Speech Competition!

The speech judging took place at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Administrative Center with the Blue Ribbon Judges from the community who have participated in this process since it began over two decades ago. All children in the semi-finals are to be commended and recognized for their efforts in this year's contest and we look forward to seeing many of these young faces in future years of this competition.

The following list of names reflect the four finalists in each division of the competition in alphabetical order. The top sixteen finalists (four finalists in four divisions) will be invited to attend a banquet at the Naples Hilton on Thursday, February 21st at 6:00pm with two guests, their teacher, and the Principal of the school. The order of the places 1 through 4 will be revealed at the banquet. Each student will be prepared to give their speech at the banquet, but only the winner of each of the four divisions will actually deliver their speech on that evening.

Please extend congratulations to students for being a semi-finalist and also to those who have advanced to the finals. We are proud of all the students who wrote for this contest and believe that the integrity of each person will propel them through life: through good times and tough times... strength of character resides and supports each person to thrive in life.

2019 Laws of Life Finalists

Division	Student Name	Teacher Name	School
Elementary School	Aurora Dalziel	Mr. Joseph Boschelli	Lely Elementary
Elementary School	Kayleigh Kemmish	Ms. Alexa Macy	Tommie Barfield Elementary
Elementary School	Eliza Mary Leslie	Ms. Lynn Conroy	Sea Gate Elementary
Elementary School	Arya Rajaram	Ms. Segal White	Pelican Marsh Elementary
Middle School	Sofie Aspegren	Dr. Mary Zoe Bowden	Seacrest Country Day School
Middle School	Joanne Augustin	Ms. Liz Garcia	Manatee Middle School
Middle School	Abigail Kozlow	Ms. Judy Cosco	Pine Ridge Middle School
Middle School	Alejandra Ramos	Ms. Liz Garcia	Manatee Middle School
High School 9-10	Paula Franco	Ms. Kelly Stephens	Gulf Coast High School
High School 9-10	Dani Jai Morris	Ms. Rita Kentros	Lorenzo Walker Technical
High School 9-10	Isabella Stapp	Ms. Adison Lax	Seacrest Country Day School
High School 9-10	Megan Yonge	Ms. Kristin Voit	Barron Collier High School
High School 11-12	Jose Chang	Ms. Kristan Welty	Gulf Coast High School
High School 11-12	Teagan Havemeier	Mr. Keith Scalia	Marco Island Academy
High School 11-12	Faith Hundley	Ms. Sherrie Miller	Gulf Coast High School
High School 11-12	Samantha Lefebvre	Ms. Sarah Marvin	Barron Collier High School

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