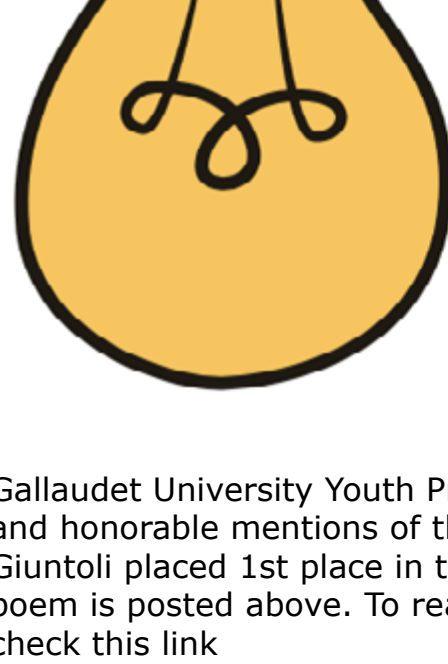


# National Literary Competition

## 2016-2017

High School- Poetry  
1st Place- Rebecca Giuntoli



*from the land of a thousand sun.  
searching for my lone moon.  
I came, only to find a moon  
basking in glow of a sun.  
one day, I shall find  
a moon who glows  
not from a sun-  
but from her love  
she shall radiate*

Gallaudet University Youth Programs has announced its 2016-2017 winners and honorable mentions of the writing category. Our very own Rebecca Giuntoli placed 1st place in the High School Poetry category. Her winning poem is posted above. To read more from other students across the US, check this link

<http://www.gallaudet.edu/Documents/BOTB/NLCWritingWinners.pdf>

### National Literary Competition: ASL

Antonia Singleton, Elementary ASL Teacher, had her 2nd-5th grade students participate in the Elemental Literary Competition by doing the ASL Handshape Poetry. Two of her students won! Congratulations to Nash Parker, 2nd Grade, for being awarded 2nd place and to Shaylee Mansfield, 2nd Grade, for receiving an Honorable Mention award! Their work will be posted on [Gallaudet University Young Programs Facebook page](#) next week. Be sure to follow their Facebook page!

Nash Parker - [Click to view video](#)

Shaylee Mansfield - [Click to view video](#)

### The 25 Most Beautiful High Schools in Texas

Texas School for the Deaf was mentioned as the 24th most beautiful high school in Texas in Aceable.

<https://www.aceable.com/blog/the-most-beautiful-high-schools-in-texas/>

### "Hansel and Gretel" Leaves More Than a Trail of Breadcrumbs

The middle school students took the stage in the TSD Performing Arts' performance of "Hansel and Gretel" and amazed audiences with their production! Assistant Middle School Supervisor, Sandy Kimball, explained that they achieved a record-breaking turnout this year and that the middle school students continue to rock!

Principal Terry Robbins shared, "It was another phenomenal performance by our middle school students. The scenery, props, and technical effects were top-notch. It's great that Gabi and Brian bring in high school students to serve on the crew and help mentor the middle school students."

The Governing Board of TSD recessed it's December Board Meeting so the entire Board could attend the performance. Board President Eric Hogue commented, "I wish all the politicians and stakeholders could see the amazing talent at this school."

For the first time ever, TSD awarded fine arts credit to high schoolers who met criteria for their work in the show. We had two students who served as Production Assistants/Stage Managers. Co-director Brian Cheslik explained, "By utilizing high school students as production assistants with the middle school show, it gives our middle school students role models to look up to and help them to better prepare for the next chapter in their lives: high school."



### NDIAA Cross Country selections

National Deaf Interscholastic Athletic Association announced their selections: Boys' Champions - Texas

Runners of the Year - Joe Cardenas and Jaida Scott

Coach of the Year - Nick Bannon

TSD congratulates them for a great season and their accomplishments as well!



### NDIAA Announces their 10th Annual Fall Sports Selections

National Deaf Interscholastic Athletic Association (NDIAA) announced the National Champions and Coach of the Year. The committee spent many hours on the selection process for each sport. The time invested was well worth it, for our excellent Deaf schools and fine athletes deserve to be recognized for their hard work, dedication, and achievements.

National Champions:

Division I: Texas

Coach of the Year:

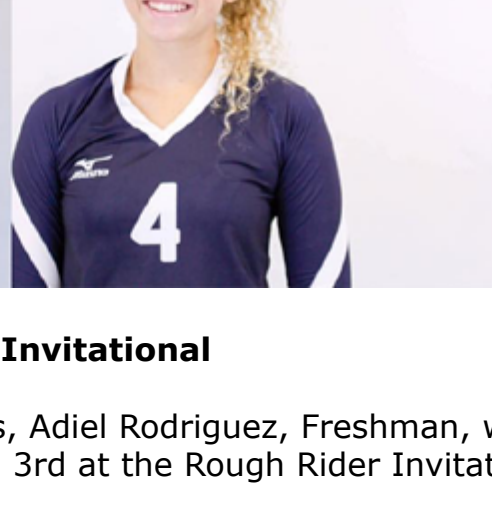
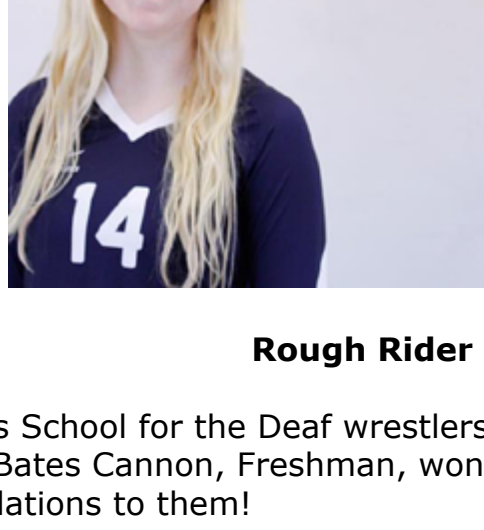
Division I: RJ Kaufman, Texas

To view more at their website - <http://www.ndiaa.us>



### Acing it on and off the Court

Two of our Lady Rangers, Kameron Kinast and Jaelene Etkie, were recently recognized by TAPPS (Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools) as achieving Academic All-State for 2016-2017 4A Volleyball. This honor was only awarded to 48 players from across the state. In order to achieve it, players needed to be nominated by all of the coaches to qualify for the 1st or 2nd All-District Team and maintain an overall average of 90%. Coach RJ Kaufman said, "The volleyball coaches are extremely proud of these two girls who have accomplished so much on the court and in the classroom. It's no easy feat to maintain at the top tier of performance in both academics and athletics."



### Rough Rider Invitational

Our Texas School for the Deaf wrestlers, Adiel Rodriguez, Freshman, won 2nd and Bates Cannon, Freshman, won 3rd at the Rough Rider Invitational. Congratulations to them!

PC: Brian Laird

