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**City Name Area High School Student to Compete in the English-Speaking Union National Shakespeare Competition in New York City**

City, Date — Student Name, student of Teacher Name from School Name in City Name achieved first place at the English-Speaking Union National Shakespeare Competition Name Branch tournament on date. Student Name will join more than 40 other contestants from around the country. The competition culminates in New York City where each student will perform a monologue and sonnet before a panel of distinguished judges as well as their fellow contestants on stage at Lincoln Center. Based on their performances, ten students will advance to a final round. For additional information regarding the English-Speaking Union National Shakespeare Competition, please visit [www.esuus.org/what-we-do/shakespeare-competition](http://www.esuus.org/what-we-do/shakespeare-competition).

Student Name earned second place, and Student Name was awarded third place in the Area (City Name) Branch competition. Each student performed a Shakespearean monologue of their choice and recited a sonnet. Competitors were judged on their understanding of their selected texts and on their ability to communicate their interpretation to the audience. Judges for the Branch Competition included (add names if appropriate).

Quote from Student Winner

Quote from Branch President or Shakespeare Coordinator

The **English-Speaking Union National Shakespeare Competition** is a performance-based education program in which high school students nationwide read, analyze, perform, and recite Shakespeare's works. Through the program, students develop communication skills and an appreciation of the power of language and literature. In the Competition's three progressive levels, students perform in their own schools, at ESU Branch community competitions, and at the National Shakespeare Competition in New York City. Since 1983, more than 425,000 young Americans of all backgrounds have taken advantage of this opportunity to bring the timeless works of Shakespeare to life and learn to express his words with understanding, feeling, and clarity.

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