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13 BCPS students earn medals at annual Baltimore NAACP ACT-SO competition

Seven gold medalists qualify to compete at national level

Towson, Md. – Thirteen Baltimore County Public Schools students earned 21 medals in the Baltimore NAACP ACT-SO competition. The seven BCPS students who have earned gold medals are now eligible to compete at the national level, where they might earn scholarships and other rewards. The national competition will be held in July in Boston.

All the students honored with medals or honorable mentions attend George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology unless otherwise noted.

ACT-SO, the Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics, is a yearlong, youth enrichment program sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). High school students of African descent compete in one or more of 27 categories related to the sciences, humanities, business, and visual and performing arts.

The BCPS medalists are:

Gold

- Adebola Adenle, *Poetry – Written*
- Amanda Amadi-Emina, *Original Essay*
- Couryn Branch, *Playwriting*
- Hahmini Lewis, *Sculpture*
- Jada McAliley, *(two medals) Drawing and Painting*

- Isaiah Walker-Jones, *Dance – Modern*
- Abby Yusuf, *(two medals) Poetry Performance and Short Story*

Silver

- Couryn Branch, *Original Essay*
- Azia Gilmore, *Sculpture*
- Ahrianna Guity, *Drawing*
- Mbai Kafomokache (New Town High School), *Poetry – Written*
- Sharon Kasibante, *Dance – Contemporary*
- Hahmini Lewis, *Painting*

Bronze

- Couryn Branch, *Short Story*
- Hahmini Lewis, *Drawing*
- Sydney McDonald, *(two medals) Photography and Painting*
- Chloe Monroe, *Sculpture*
- Abby Yusuf, *Poetry – Written*

Honorable Mention

- Khyree Bonds
- Ahrianna Guity
- Megan Iwuoha
- Joy Walker
- Kaiya Wilkins

The local competition was held at New Town High School on April 29. Photos from the day can be found on [Flickr](#).

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