

**NEVADA COUNTY  
YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD**

**Sam Uelmen**

The County of Nevada Board of Supervisors takes great pleasure in recognizing Sam Uelmen, a junior the Sierra Academy of Expeditionary Learning (SAEL), for standing out as a youth leader by winning the 2023 Nevada County Poetry Out Loud competition.

In 2022, Sam was a finalist in the Nevada County Poetry Out Loud competition. As the winner of the 2023 competition, he represented Nevada County in the state Poetry Out Loud competition in March. Poetry Out Loud is a National Arts Education program that encourages the study of great poetry by offering free educational materials and a dynamic recitation competition for high school students across the country. The program helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about literary history and contemporary life. In addition to his interest in poetry, Sam actively engages with the local arts community as a young actor, regularly performing in local theater.

Beyond his success in the humanities, Sam consistently demonstrates integrity, grit, curiosity, empathy, craftsmanship, and attention to detail in his schoolwork, creative pursuits, and service work in and out of the classroom. He also makes a positive impact through his involvement in SAEL's Interact Service Club, a volunteer club focused on service projects within our local community with the intention of helping youth make their world a better place for all.

The County of Nevada Board of Supervisors commends Sam Uelmen for his excellence in poetry and theater, his service to his peers and the community, and his leaning-in approach to life. We wish him success on his journey ahead.

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