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JAPHET SCHOOL STUDENTS TAKE SECOND AND THIRD PLACE IN ANNUAL OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL ORATORICAL CONTEST

CLAWSON, MI – Japhet School in Clawson is pleased to announce that two of its students have won awards in the 2017 Optimist International Oratorical Competition, an annual event sponsored by the Lakeshore Optimists in Grosse Pointe that highlights the writing and oratorical skills of students.

Logan Wrona of Madison Heights and Owen Perry of Royal Oak, both 8th graders, placed second and third respectively for their speeches on the topic, “What The World Gains From Optimism.” This marks the eighth year that Japhet School students have competed in the contest and won awards. Japhet sent nine students to this year’s competition that saw four total schools competing.

“I attended Wayne State as a speech communication major, and I have a daughter who has a juris doctorate in rhetoric,” says Kent Commer, treasurer of Japhet School's Board of Trustees. “I am very familiar with public speaking and understand the value that it gives students throughout their life. All the speeches our students presented were very impressive.”

Outstanding public speaking is a hallmark of Japhet School's curriculum. Students in first through eighth grade have several opportunities every year to prepare and practice oral presentations. Japhet's public speaking curriculum is connected to the school's award-winning character education program and develops students' confidence in leadership roles.

About Japhet School

Founded in 1973, Japhet School is an independent school, serving children the metropolitan Detroit area in preschool through eighth grade. Its mission is to nurture and prepare each child for life by integrating character education with a strong academic program. The school provides small classes -- enabling teachers to challenge students and get to know each child well -- with integrated technology, hands-on learning, and individual and team projects. At every age, leadership skills are developed and practiced. The school has a special focus on oral communication, giving students confidence in sharing their voice. A national award-winning character education curriculum builds a peaceful community and gives graduates an ethical foundation. To learn more about Japhet, visit www.japhetschool.org.

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Caption:

Japhet School 8th-graders Owen Perry (L) and Logan Wrona (R) took 3rd place and 2nd place in the annual Optimists' Oratorical Contest in Grosse Pointe on March 16, 2017.

(high-res image attached separately)