



**TOURNAMENT
OF CHAMPIONS**

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

**Speech
Events**

**Awards
Ceremony**

DECLAMATION

Semifinalists

**Caroline Herbst, Holy Innocents
Janelle Amanda Parra, Velásquez
Academy**

Anya Daruwala, Capitol

Alice Zhang, Nova 42

Priya Curley, Curley Independent

**Catherine Velasquez-Galvez,
Velásquez Academy**

6TH PLACE

Otis Barrow

Nova 42

5TH PLACE

Ethan Zhou

Nova 42

4TH PLACE

Bella Kim

Velásquez Academy

3RD PLACE

Anya Moorjani

Harvard-Westlake

RUNNER UP

Coco Carter

Velásquez Academy

CHAMPION

Tong Yu Ci Lu
Quarry Lane

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

Semifinalists

Jack Degregorio, SA Midtown West

Abel Allison, SA Ozone Park

Jason Sun, SA Hudson Yards

Avamagdalyln Straub, SA Midtown West

Leo Zou, Harker

Adamyia Gaur, Capitol

6TH PLACE

Christine Wang

Liangyi Youth Leadership

5TH PLACE

Aarya Shah

Capitol

4TH PLACE

Michelle Lu

New Age Learning Independent

3RD PLACE

Molly Zhu

New Age Learning Independent

RUNNER UP

Juliana Blitzer

Liangyi Youth Leadership

CHAMPION

Rainier Wang

Harker

DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION

3RD PLACE

Shalvi Jani

Golden Desert

RUNNER UP

Fiona Yan
Harker

CHAMPION

Maira Lala

Velásquez Academy

HUMOROUS INTERPRETATION

6TH PLACE

Ziwen Dou

Able2Shine

5TH PLACE

Samantha Plye

Quarry Lane

3RD PLACE (TIE)

Andrew Seidelman

Indian Hills

3RD PLACE (TIE)

Andrew Yang

Quarry Lane

RUNNER UP

Ashley Zhang

Able2Shine

CHAMPION

Otis Barrow

Nova 42

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

Semifinalists

Jayden Wang, Youth Horizons
Learning

Siying Wei, Modern Brain

Yusra Syeda, Dougherty Valley
Bridge

Aaron Cheng, Harker

Alice Zhang, Nova 42

Havish Kappagantula, Nova 42

Ellie Chen, Harker

Melody Mo, Harvard-Westlake

Jack Degregorio, SA Midtown
West

Anni Dong, Dougherty Valley
Bridge

Ari Simwalla, Golden State

Jason Sun, SA Hudson Yards

6TH PLACE

Diya Kumaran

ModernBrain

5TH PLACE

Advik Garg

BASIS Silicon Valley

4TH PLACE

Om Vijay
Capitol

3RD PLACE

Shanaya Gupta

Harker

RUNNER UP

Esha Nair
Coppell

CHAMPION

Melody Mo

Harvard-Westlake

INFORMATIVE

6TH PLACE

Isabella Yang

Nova 42

5TH PLACE

Waverly Ahn

Capitol

4TH PLACE

Esha Nair

Coppell

3RD PLACE

Ethan Zhou

Nova 42

RUNNER UP

Ferra Liu

Able2Shine

CHAMPION

Shreya Modi

Capitol

ORIGINAL ORATORY

Semifinalists

Ferra Liu, Able2Shine

Aaron Chang, Harker

Anya Daruwala, Capitol

Priya Curley, Curley Independent

Shreya Aman, Dougherty Valley Bridge

Anya Moorjani, Harvard-Westlake

6TH PLACE

Shrihan Raja

Dougherty Valley Bridge

5TH PLACE

Nathan Zhang

Harker

4TH PLACE

Ava Allen

Harvard-Westlake

3RD PLACE

Melody Mo

Harvard-Westlake

RUNNER UP

Fiona Yan
Harker

CHAMPION

Olivia Lee
QD Learning

Congratulations!

**Thank you for participating in the 2026
Middle School Tournament of Champions!**