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**Terry Watkins, Crossroads College Preparatory School Class of 2012,
wins Regional Poetry Out Loud Competition for second year**

February 16, 2012 ~ Terry Watkins, CCPS Class of 2012, wins the Regional Poetry Out Loud Competition and moves on to the state competition. This is Terry's second win at the regional level. In 2011, Terry represented Missouri at the National Competition in Washington D.C.



Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation Contest is a national arts education program that encourages the study of great poetry by offering educational materials and a dynamic recitation competition to high schools across the country. Poetry Out Loud was created in partnership by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation with the collaboration of State Arts Agencies as a way to foster the next generation of literary readers by building on the resurgence of poetry as an oral art form, as seen in the slam poetry movement and the popularity of rap music. Through Poetry Out Loud, students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about their literary heritage.

Crossroads College Preparatory School offers an academically challenging curriculum to a diverse and inclusive community of students in grades seven through twelve.

Crossroads College Prep encourages its students to engage their imaginations in every endeavor, ranging from the sciences to the fine arts, and strives to develop respectful citizens, who apply scholarship, imagination, and critical thinking to civic and social responsibility in their communities and beyond.

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