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Sudlersville Middle School 8th Grade Writers Earn National Recognition in Young Writers' Fright Club Contest

Sudlersville, MD - This past fall, eighth-grade students at Sudlersville Middle School, led by ELA teacher Mrs. McNiece, participated in the *Thrill of Horror* writing unit, where they created 100-word horror stories emphasizing setting, imagery, and purposeful word choice.

Students were invited to submit their work to the Young Writers Fright Club nationwide contest. As a result, 54 students were selected for publication in *Fright Club 2025 – Nightmare Tales*. From all published entries, three students will be chosen to receive a $50 Amazon gift card.

"We are incredibly proud of our students and the creativity they demonstrated through this work," said Dr. Brice, Principal of Sudlersville Middle School. "Mrs. McNiece's passion for teaching and inspiring students played a key role in this National Recognition."

"I was so impressed with the imaginative work and motivation students had on this assignment! The 100-word criteria truly led to several rounds of intentional revision," shared Mrs. McNiece. "But the best part was seeing the classwide excitement when they heard their names called for publication!"

The following students were selected for publication: Aaron Patterson, Addi Mitchell, Alivia Smith, Amir Johnson, Aubree Whitby, Aubrey Grinder, Brad Kimble, Brayden Moore, Brooklyn Rolf, Cali Jackson, Chapin Kusmider, Charlotte Shaffer, Claire Anderson-Schultz, Collin Lepter, Connor Fellows, Cooper Goodman, Dayron Garcia Gomez, Derrell Fitzhugh, Emily Ceruzzi, Everett Brownley, Gage Lynch, Genesis Pereira Navarrette, Holden McNeil, Hunter Childress, Jacob Mattis, Jacob Sturgill, James Coleman, Jasyah Johnston, Jayden Morales, Johanna Morales Salas, Kacie Osborn, Kara Steigerwald, Katie McIntire, Kendall Sullivan, Kierra Lewis, Layla Wojtko, Lily Altamirano, Maddie Schrader, Makai Ramirez, Mason

Brown, Matthew Massey, Max Morris, McKenzie Thren, Natalie Jaber, Nico Guarnera, Owen Hosler, Paysen Ramsey, Princeton Davis, Sammy Patterson, Shane Johnson, Sophie Tuma, Sydney Bove, Ti'Lyen King, and Zac Ward.