



# 2023-24 Sijo Competition Winners

The East Asian Studies Center at The Ohio State University and the Korea Foundation present the winners of the 2023-24 Kentucky-Ohio Sijo Student Competition for K-12 students to honor the traditional Korean form of poetry.

## High School Division:

### First Place:

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#### Allison Noggle

*11<sup>th</sup> Grade, Wayne Trace High School*

Waves smack the side of a boat throwing a man over the rails,  
Thrashing in the freezing water, darkness closely approaching,  
With his head barely above water, he remembers to stand.

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### Runners-up:

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#### Elyse Langton

*12<sup>th</sup> Grade, Delaware Christian School*

Awake in morning darkness, the moon still shines as sounds begin.  
The horses voice their hunger, their impatience does not tell time.  
Now sleeping late 'til sun light comes, quietness falls in empty fields.

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#### Jessie Khuu

*12<sup>th</sup> Grade, Licking Heights High School*

Mixing oil and water, its dispersed, not harmonious.  
Parallels, they'll never mix. They're meant to be immiscible.  
You and me, we'll dance together. Let's experience emulsion.

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### Honorable Mention:

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#### Abbey Hupp

*10<sup>th</sup> Grade, Millersport High School*

Laughing echos off of the walls, his eyes scrunched up in joy  
The lines on his face telling the deepest stories of his life  
and as I tear up over his urn; i yearn for these memories again

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#### Stefany Lopez-Castillo

*9<sup>th</sup> Grade, Wayne Trace High School*

Writing soothes this baffling part of me that begs to be heard.  
Scattered thoughts flee onto paper and open a distinct world.  
A world where I am understood, heard, and not hidden behind words.

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More details at: <http://easc.osu.edu/sijo>