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John Oliver Simon Award Winners and Reading

Las Vegas, NV—Poetry Promise, Inc. is proud to announce the winners of the John Oliver Simon Award, a leading prize in Clark County for excellent poetry by a full-time student. The John Oliver Simon Award manuscripts were judged anonymously by former winner Lila Brissette, with the final winner chosen by the Poetry Promise Board of Directors. This year's reading will take place on **Saturday, Nov. 8th, from 2:00pm – 3:30pm** at the **Winchester Cultural Center** Multipurpose Room. **Admission is free and open to the public.**

This year's winners are...

1st place: Logan Harms, Northern Arizona University (and Coronado High)

2nd place: Rob Tomolillo, Nevada State University

Our winners will be joined by a small selection of Nevada Poets invited to read. An open reading will follow the featured poets.

Event Details:

- Date: **Saturday, Nov. 8th, 2025**
- Time: **2:00 PM – 3:30 PM Pacific Standard Time**
- Location: **Winchester Cultural Center, 3130 McLeod Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89121**
- **A Zoom link is available.** For those who prefer to join that way, please email bruce@poetrypromise.org.
- Admission: **Free and open to the public**

This scholarship program was founded by Bruce Isaacson, first Poet Laureate of Clark County, Nevada. Clark County has supported the program over many years. Lila Brissette was the first winner in 2016m helped endow the program years later, and helped choose the winning manuscripts this year. The name of the award honors the memory of John Oliver Simon, one of the Bay Area's beloved poets, who passed away in January 2018. John Simon worked many years to advance the California Poets in the Schools program and inspired the Nevada Poets in the Schools program run by Poetry Promise.

Thanks for the support of Clark County OAG, Clark County Public Arts, Winchester Dondero Cultural Center, and Gray's Leadership Academy. Without these generous contributions this and other Poetry Promise programs would not be possible.

For additional program details, please visit the Poetry Promise website at <https://poetrypromise.org/events>.

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