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Corinth Student Featured on MPB TV *Poetry Out Loud Contest Airs April 17*

JACKSON, Miss. – Mississippi Public Broadcasting airs the Poetry Out Loud state finals on April 17 at 6 p.m. on MPB TV. The recitation contest features Alcorn Central High School 12th grader Lilly Wallis.

“As a member of the Crossroads Poetry Project, I’ve learned how poetry helps people get in touch with their emotions,” said Wallis. “I’m very proud to have made it to the finals of the poetry competition. It was a lot of fun to meet the other contestants.”

Wallis is the daughter of Milton and Naomi Wallis of Corinth, Miss.

“MPB’s statewide broadcasting network is the perfect platform to promote Mississippi students and their dedication to learning,” said Jay Woods, MPB Acting Executive Director.

The 2011 Poetry Out Loud competition took place on Thursday, March 11 in the Mississippi Public Broadcasting auditorium and was sponsored by the Mississippi Arts Commission. Poetry Out Loud encourages the nation’s youth to learn about poetry through recitation and memorization. The program helps students to build self-confidence, master public speaking skills, and learn about their literary heritage.

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Poetry Out Loud features Lilly Wallis, 12th grader at Alcorn Central High School, when it airs April 17 at 6 p.m. on MPB TV.

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