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Students Compete In Nike Black History Month Spoken Word Contest

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Several hundred DeKalb County students celebrate Youth Empowerment Day.

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Several hundred DeKalb County students from Cedar Grove High School, W.D. Mohammed High School and Green Pastures Christian High School gathered at the King Plow Arts Center on Feb. 19 to celebrate Youth Empowerment Day and cheer on classmates competing in the Nike Black History Month Spoken Word Contest.

The finalists presented original pieces to peers and celebrity judges, including Olympic gold medalist Angelo Taylor, the Atlanta Falcons' Curtis Lofton and Jamaal Anderson, Hot 107.9 radio personality Beyonce Alowishus, and singer and actress Ashley Phillips.

Kedarius Peoples from Cedar Grove, Asantewaa Abdur-Rabanni from W.D. Mohammed, and Fenell Wilkins from Cedar Grove were awarded scholarships for finishing first, second and third, respectively. As the other finalists in the competition, Desiree Hogan from Green Pastures and Sabirah Muhammad from W.D. Mohammad, joined Peoples, Abdur-Rabanni and Wilkins in receiving a pair of Nike's limited edition Black History Month Air Force 1 shoes.

The Nike event, which was co-hosted with Youth V.I.B.E. and emceed by V103 radio personality Greg Street, featured motivational speaker Divine Bradley and a surprise appearance by Grand Hustle Records artist Yung LA.



Students and radio personalities pose after the Nike Black History Month Spoken Word Contest. They are Beyonce Alowishus (front row from left), Kedarius Peoples, Asantewaa Abdur-Rabanni, Fenell Wilkins, Ashley Phillips, as well as Greg Street (back row from left), Angelo Taylor, Jon Scipio (Nike), Curtis Lofton, and Jamaal Anderson.