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## **FHS Students Receive National Recognition**

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark.—FHS seniors Quinn Kelly and Joe Rulli have received Achievement Awards in Writing from the National Council of Teachers of English in the 2008 NCTE national competition. NCTE recognized only eight students from Arkansas.

The Achievement Awards in Writing are given in recognition of excellence in writing by high school juniors. Winners demonstrate writing ability in two forms: first, in a sample of their best writing, in any form or genre, drafted and revised over time; and second, in an impromptu essay on a subject set by the Achievement Awards Advisory Committee and responded to by all candidates for the award in that year. While the first sample is written under conditions chosen by candidates and their teachers, the impromptu essay is written during a supervised, seventy-five-minute period.

A total of 525 students were selected as outstanding writers in the 2008 NCTE Achievement Awards in Writing. The recipients were chosen from 1,789 students nominated in their junior year by their teachers, from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Canada, the Virgin Islands, and American schools abroad. The number of nominees from each school is based on the school's total enrollment in grades ten through twelve: one nominee per 500 students. The number of winners from each state is determined by doubling the number of the state's representatives in Congress. A state may fall below its designated number of winners if there are fewer outstanding entries than the state is allowed.

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