



JOHN CABOT UNIVERSITY

Italy Reads announces winners of the Student Video Contest

On April 2, 2019, JCU's [Italy Reads](#) John Cabot University welcomed participating students and teachers to the Student Video Contest Award Ceremony. 25, 3-minute videos inspired by American writer Flannery O'Connor and her work were submitted for the competition from students at 12 Italian high schools in Rome, Morlupo, Naples and Pomezia. The top 8 finalists were screened at this event.

Italy Reads Volunteer, JCU student Jade Burr and JCU Intern Francesco Collacciani joined JCU Adjunct Professor Andrew Rutt in welcoming guests. This ceremony is the culmination of a year of reading, analysis, group discussion with JCU student Italy Reads Volunteers and theatrical performances all centered around the work and life this author. Each year, nearly 200 teachers and their students from over 65 high schools participate in the Italy Reads program or one of the other [Activities for High Schools](#) offered by John Cabot University. Many students earn a significant number of [Alternanza Scuola Lavoro](#) (ASL) credit hours for their participation in Italy Reads.

1st prize (€ 500): [The Lame Shall Enter First](#), by the students of Class IV A, Professor Gatti at IIS Leopoldo Pirelli.



2nd prize (€ 300): [I Confess I Love](#), by the students of Class V B, Professor Guaia, Liceo Benedetto da Norcia.



Honorable Mention for Best Script: [Interviewing Flannery O'Connor](#), by the students of Class IV A, Professor Scarnecchia at Liceo Statale Sperimentale Bertrand Russell.



Honorable Mention for Artistic Interpretation: [*A dance: an act of grace for Good Country People*](#) by the students of Class IV C, Professor Gatti, IIS Leopoldo Pirelli.



Honorable Mention for Best Setting: [*Alexander's Dream*](#) by the students of Class IV C, Professor Cessari at Liceo Scientifico "Francesco Sbordone", Napoli.



Honorable Mention for Best Atmosphere: [*Crossing Paths*](#) by students in Class V O of Professor Rizzo at Liceo Linguistico Niccolò Machiavelli.



Honorable Mention for Originality: [*The Lame Shall Enter First*](#) by the students in Class IV B of Professor Sterpetti at IIS Leopoldo Pirelli.



Honorable Mention for Outstanding Casting and use of the camera: [*Loss of Innocence*](#) by students of Class V E, Professor Ridolfi at Liceo Scientifico Giovanni Keplero.



Congratulations to all!

We remind you that next year, we'll be reading Walt Whitman's *Leaves of Grass*!

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