



Great Ohio District

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## **Local Student Wins Optimist Communications Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

Columbus, Ohio—Rhett Fogt, a Senior at Jackson Center, recently won the Great Ohio District Optimist District’s Communications Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The theme of this year’s contest was “What the World Gains from Optimism.”

Rhett Fogt will receive a \$3,500 scholarship for the honor.

“Through spoken word Fogt did a wonderful job of presenting his thoughts about the questions posed to him,” District CCDHH Chair Heather Kuth said. “We have no doubt that Rhett has a bright future ahead of him!”

The Great Ohio District has been actively participating in the Communications Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for past three years. The contest is open to students who have a hearing loss of 40 decibels or more, and students can sign or speak their presentation, or communicate through a combination of the two.

Optimist International is one of the world's largest service club organizations with 75,000 adult and youth members in 2,600 clubs in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean and Mexico and throughout the world. Carrying the Mission Statement "By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves," Optimists conduct positive service projects that reach more than six million young people each year. To learn more about Optimist International, please call (314) 371-6000 or visit the organization's website at [www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org).



Pictured Left to Right, Heather Kuth District CCDHH Chair, Cherie Gentry District Governor, Jolene Fogt mom, Rhett Fogt winner, Chuck Fogt father, Larry Lynde president Centerville Noon Chapter where Rhett won before advancing to Ohio District.

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