

# A REAL SMOOTH TALKER

## Local student wins Oratory Title for West Ashley Optimist Club

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*SC Optimist District Oratorical Chair Melvin Bannister, 2010 SC Optimist District Oratorical Boy Winner Jordan Elum*

Jordan Elum, a student at Charleston County School of the Arts, advanced to the South Carolina Zone Oratorical Contest, representing the West Ashley Optimist Club. The theme was "Cyber Communication – Progress or Problem?" The local students competed against boys and girls from across the state. The Optimist Club judged local students' speeches based on content and presentation to determine the top winners.

After winning the Zone 7 contest, Elum represented the Charleston Optimists in the district contest held in Columbia recently. Elum won first place in the South Carolina District Optimist International Boys' competition and was awarded a \$2,500 scholarship to the college of his choice. Emily Hart, a student at Charleston County School of the Arts, was also among the runners-up in the Optimist district girl's competition.