

Pro-Life Speech Contest Winner Addresses Harm to Women

Students from five Shelby County schools participated in the 17th Annual Pro-Life Oratory Contest, organized by Shelby County Right to Life. Top honors were taken by Summer Hoying, a senior at Ft. Loramie High School. Hoying addressed the physical and emotional risks abortion poses to women. After presenting Harvard Health's definition of abortion, Hoying remarked, "What the definition fails to mention are three dark truths: the practice is not safe, mothers are negatively affected by the experience, and it ends the life of the unborn child."

Anne Schmiesing, coordinator of the contest, noted, "Hoying did an excellent job, drawing on numerous reputable sources of data to support her thesis. All the participants had great composure and content to their speeches, but Hoying had an energy and refinement to her presentation which gave her the edge for the top prize." Judges were Adam Vanderhorst of Sidney, Sanna Aikin of Sidney, and Don Rosenbeck of Jackson Center.

Hoying was one of nine contestants. Runner-up in the contest was Alexandria Gaerke, a senior at Russia High School. In third place was Magdalene Schmiesing, a home-educated senior. It was a close-scoring contest. All but one of the five to seven-minute speeches covered the topic of abortion. Other topics allowed were infanticide, embryonic stem cell experimentation, and assisted-suicide. The contest director stated, "The lone assisted-suicide speech, by Gaerke, was one of the most comprehensive I've heard in the seventeen years I've run this contest, and it's a topic worth addressing with suicide rates on the rise."

Contest prizes ranged from \$500 to \$100. As the winner, Hoying went on to compete in the state contest on May 4th and took 2nd place at state!

More information about this annual contest for juniors and seniors attending high school in Shelby County can be found at the website of Right to Life of Shelby County.



Dates to Remember

May 11 (Saturday): Golf Outing at Shelby Oaks Golf Course. Shotgun start at 8:30 am.

June Parades: Jackson Center (Sunday, June 2), Botkins (Sunday, June 9), and Anna (Saturday, June 15)

July 21-27: Shelby County Fair, RTL Booth

October 3: ORTL fundraising dinner with Jim Caviezel (Columbus)

October 4: Ohio March for Life (Columbus)

Pictured *back row* (L-R): Josalin Morris (Christian Academy), Hallie Grillot (Ft. Loramie High School), Magdalene Schmiesing (home-educated), Corrina Holtzapple (Anna High School), Alexandria Gaerke (Russia High School); *front row* (L-R): Mavrick Grudich (Ft. Loramie High School), Jack Holthaus (Ft. Loramie High School), Matteo Morelli (Russia High School, exchange student from Italy), Summer Hoying (Ft. Loramie High School).

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May-June Prayer Intentions

For all states deciding laws regarding the protection of unborn life, including unborn lives created in the IVF process. For all families suffering from miscarriage, stillbirth, and infertility. For all families navigating the challenge of end-of-life decisions for loved ones.



Group Alleges Planned Parenthood Poised to Make Millions from Illegal Aborted Body Parts Trade

An article from Live Action's Nancy Flanders, published March 9, 2024, has revealed an awful truth: Planned Parenthood may be making millions of dollars off the illegal selling of aborted babies' body parts.

The Center for Medical Progress (CMP) has announced that it obtained documents which the group alleges show a potentially illegal transaction between Planned Parenthood and the University of California San Diego (UCSD) regarding the body parts of aborted children.

According to CMP, "Never-before-seen documents released under a public records request show Planned Parenthood transferring 'proprietary' aborted fetal body parts to UC San Diego explicitly for 'valuable consideration' — a violation of federal law — in exchange for ownership of the university's 'patents' and 'intellectual property' developed by experimenting on them."

The "Biological Material Transfer Agreement" shared by CMP is a contract between Planned Parenthood of San Diego and Riverside Counties and UCSD. CMP stated, "The contract, made for 'valuable consideration', grants UCSD 'access' to 'fetal and placental tissue, which are proprietary materials of PPSD'. The parties agree that in granting 'access' to the 'proprietary' aborted fetal body parts, 'PPSD shall retain all right, title, and interest in and to the Material, including but not limited to all right, title, and interest in patents and patent applications and other intellectual property rights relating to the Material'."

CMP explained that such a contract could bring in millions of dollars in revenue. "These facts clearly demonstrate Planned Parenthood sells baby parts in violation of federal law and for potentially far more money than we ever discussed before," said CMP.

The documents show, said CMP, that for the last 15 years, Planned Parenthood has been supplying UCSD with body parts for "research" that could be worth millions in revenue for Planned Parenthood. Listed on the patents were brains, eyes, hearts, and livers from late-term, healthy aborted babies.

CMP founder and president David Daleiden told CatholicVote, "These documents show that the whole time Planned Parenthood swore to Congress and the public they did not sell body parts, they were lying about active contracts like this one to sell aborted fetuses for massive financial value in violation of federal law."

The entire article can be found at the [Live Action website](#).

IN MEMORIAM

Right to Life continues its work for the protection of all human life, in honor of those who have offered time, prayer and other resources to this cause during their lifetimes.

In memory of: Hilda Francis, George Reier, and Thomas Barhorst
In whose names memorial donations were made in February, March, and April.
May they rest in eternal peace.

Huge Thank You to Our Garage Sale Volunteers

Another successful RTL Garage Sale is in the books! We are grateful for all the time, donations, and effort put into the sale by our volunteers to allow a smooth and fruitful sale. We'd like to extend an extra thank you to Maria Hoehne for organizing both the sale and the volunteer power, and a thank you to St. Remy Hall for the space to host the annual Garage Sale.



Volunteer Opportunities this Upcoming Summer

Shelby County Right to Life has many opportunities this summer to witness to our local communities the impact and importance of affirming LIFE in all aspects. We will need volunteers to staff our fair booth at the Shelby County Fair, and assist with small construction projects and sorting donations at our Thrift Shop. These opportunities are a wonderful way to introduce young children to the pro-life movement and involve whole families in the advancement of our mission. See our "Dates to Remember" section for specific dates. Please reach out to the Right to Life Director, Anne Schmeising, at director@shelbycountyrctl.org, to sign up to assist with any of these events!

SBA Hiring Pro-Life Field Reps in West Ohio

Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America is hiring pro-life Field Representatives to visit targeted homes in their community to conduct a simple survey on pro-life issues with voters. Field Representatives start at \$15 per hour with the potential to earn \$20 per hour with bonuses. Field Representatives are reimbursed \$0.30 per mile for their travel. Hours are flexible (up to 40 hours per week), and applicants must be at least 16 years old, able to abide by strict daily reporting requirements, and have a pro-life worldview. Ohioans who would like to get paid to advance the pro-life cause should contact Katie, the Dayton/Cincinnati Recruiter, at 847-922-5913 or katie@sbalistfield.org.

Abortion Activists Use Ohio's Constitutional Amendment to Target Informed Consent Laws, Just as Pro-Lifers Warned They Would

In November 2023, Ohio voted to approve Issue One, a constitutional amendment asserting "every individual has a right" to "reproductive decisions", no matter their age. Planned Parenthood and Ohio's chapter of the ACLU has now filed a lawsuit challenging Ohio's informed consent laws that are currently in practice.

Ohio law, as of now, ensures pregnant women seeking an abortion must first meet with a doctor who can estimate the unborn child's age, locate the baby's heartbeat, and educate the woman on both the dangers of the abortion procedure and the gestational development timeline; the woman must then wait twenty-four hours to schedule the abortion if she wishes to proceed. This twenty-four-hour delay often results in cancelled abortion appointments as the women realize the truth.

If successful, the lawsuit will allow women to receive an abortion without any education and without considering their decisions more deeply. The full article, by Jordan Boyd on April 4, can be found at [the Cincinnati Right to Life website](#).

Biden's DOJ Targeting 87-Year-Old Concentration Camp Survivor for Peacefully Protesting Abortion

Steven Ertelt reported on Apr 3, 2024, about Eva Edl, an 87-year-old concentration camp survivor, and her fellow pro-life advocates who were arrested and charged for allegedly violating the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act.

They are the latest pro-life Americans who could face more than a decade in prison because Joe Biden is targeting pro-life people who peacefully protest abortion inside abortion centers. While radical environmentalists and Antifa block roads with sit in and protests and face no jail time, Joe Biden is aggressively trying to put pro-life Americans in federal prison for a year for peaceful sit-ins inside abortion businesses.

After Biden's DOJ targeted them with bogus charges ... a jury convicted Eva Edl, Eva Zastrow, James Zastrow, and Paul Place for their role in a prayerful protest inside a Tennessee abortion center.

The four were found guilty of violating the anti-free speech FACE law after a one-day bench trial in Tennessee, with presiding Middle District of Tennessee Magistrate Judge Chip Frensky agreeing that the four had violated the law. The activists could potentially face one year in prison along with thousands in fines depending upon their sentencing, which is scheduled for July 30 (2024).

"The first time I realized there were abortion clinics in our country was in 1988," she said, according to a previous Live Action News report. "I said to my husband, 'these are the death camps of America.' I saw people sitting in front of abortion clinics in Atlanta, and I've been involved ever since."

The complete article can be found on [LifeNews.com](https://www.lifenews.com).