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**Poetry Showcase at The Vanguard School**

The Vanguard School of Lake Wales, FL is proud to partner again with Florida's Natural Growers Foundation to present a Poetry Showcase on **Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm in the Performing Arts Center** on The Vanguard School's campus.

The program, which is free to the public, will feature original and creative work from Vanguard students. The population of The Vanguard School consists of students from around the globe that struggle with learning differences. Many of them have a difficult time expressing their thoughts and feelings effectively, which is why poetry is such a vital part of English class.

"This event is a keen opportunity for Vanguard students to share their personal and individual stories. The benefits are exponential in that this allows our creative students an outlet in which to share their talents," explained Glynna Gilbert, Vanguard English Teacher.

Poetry provides an outlet for students to express themselves freely, without fear of judgment or criticism. Writing poetry allows students the liberty to put their thoughts, fears, and hopes down on paper. The Poetry Showcase will provide the platform for those students to then present their work before an audience of their peers.

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