REEES student news, spring semester 2021

Smith students Gabrielle Klema was awarded third place in the first-year speech contest and Kasey Senatore was awarded third place in the third-year speech contest at the New England Olympiad of Spoken Russian.

Shastia Azulay received an Honorable Mention for the 2021 National Post-Secondary Russian Essay Contest.

Serena Keenan translated an article into Russian for *The Sophian*. You can read Serena’s translation [here](#).

Grayson Hawthorn contributed a recording to Smith’s International Poetry Day 2021. You can enjoy Grayson’s reading of Aleksander Blok’s 1912 poem “Ночь, улица, фонарь, аптека...” (“Night, street lamp, drugstore…”) [here](#).

We would also like to thank Chelsea Perez who served as the president of Russian Club during this past academic year and welcome new incoming Russian Club co-presidents Tracy Okai and Greyson Hawthorn.

Finally, we want to wish the best of luck to our REEES students as they embark on their exciting summer plans:

Tracy Okai, Shastia Azulay, and Giulia Guiso Gallisay will work as program assistants at the Russian-American Foundation’s Bolshoi Ballet Academy Summer Intensive Program.

Helen McColpin and Paige MacKinnon will continue their study of Russian at Middlebury College and Gabrielle Klema will study Russian at Indiana University, Bloomington.

We hope you all have a great summer and look forward to seeing you in the fall!