

PLAINS ART MUSEUM

North Dakota Students Announced as 2018 Regional Scholastic Art & Writing Award Recipients

Young Artists and Writers Recognized by Plains Art Museum and Red River Valley Writing Project for their Original Works

Press Release

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FARGO, ND — February 8, 2018— Plains Art Museum and Red River Valley Writing Project at NDSU have announced the regional award recipient(s) of the 2018 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Presented by the nonprofit organization the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, the 95th Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are the country's longest-running and most prestigious scholarship and recognition program for creative students in grades 7–12. This program year, nearly 350,000 works of art and writing were submitted to more than 100 Affiliate Partners across the country. Ninety-four creative teens from North Dakota received regional honors, including Gold Keys, Silver Keys, Honorable Mentions, or American Visions & Voices nominations, from the local Affiliate, including:

ART AWARD WINNERS

- Fischer Ackerson, Silver Key
- Silver Anderson, Honorable Mention. Hunter
- Adam B, American Visions Nominee, Gold Key, Silver Key, Honorable Mention. West Fargo
- Kaylee Bartram, Honorable Mention. Kindred
- Brooke Bergen, 3 Honorable Mentions. Fargo
- Jakob Bloomquist, American Visions Nominee, 2 Gold Keys, Silver Key, 3 Honorable Mentions. Tower City
- Jenna Christian, Gold Key. Fargo
- Nicole Dill, American Visions Nominee, Gold Key. Fargo
- Taylor Fey, Silver Key, Honorable Mention. Fargo
- Janessa Grave, Gold Key. West Fargo
- Payton Johnson, Silver Key. Page
- Taylor Johnson, Honorable Mention. Coleharbor
- Kaitlynn Kinhead, Silver Key, Honorable Mention. Sherwood
- Amalia LeMier, Honorable Mention. Fargo

- S. F. Lunde, Honorable Mention. Kindred
- Ashley Mindt, American Visions Nominee, Gold Key. Mandan
- Mikaili Prince, Honorable Mention. Devils Lake
- Olivia Propeck, Silver Key. Fargo
- Mackenzie Reinhardt, 3 Honorable Mentions. Hazen
- Deanna Rose, Silver Key. Grand Forks
- Elizabeth Schlecht, Honorable Mention. Kindred
- Eva Sobak, 3 Honorable Mentions. Fairdale
- Miriam Sullivan, Honorable Mention. Cando
- Karl Swenson, 3 Honorable Mentions. Kindred
- Hannah Thomas, Honorable Mention. Fargo

WRITING AWARD WINNERS

- Emmanuella Amponsah, Honorable Mention. Fargo South High School, Fargo.
- Yazmyn Azure, American Visions Nominee, Gold Key. Beulah High School, Beulah.
- Jordyn Blotsky, Gold Key, Silver Key. Watford City High School, Watford City.

- Peyton Blotsky, Honorable Mention. Watford City High School, Watford City.
- Tiffany Brunelle, Honorable Mention. Turtle Mountain Community High School, Belcourt.
- Mariah Cavanagh, Honorable Mention. Horizon Middle School, Bismarck.
- Michelle Chadraa, American Voices Nominee, 2 Gold Keys, 2 Silver Keys. Davies High School, Fargo.
- Puja Chhetri, Honorable Mention. Fargo North High School, Fargo.
- Cody Christianson, Silver Key. Divide Co High School, Crosby.
- Lenora Combs, Honorable Mention. Divide Co High School, Crosby.
- Katrina Cysewski, Silver Key. Horizon Middle School, Bismarck.
- Olivia Data, American Voices Nominee, 2 Gold Keys, Honorable Mention. Horizon Middle School, Bismarck.
- Sarah Dorrheim, Gold Key. Horizon Middle School, Bismarck.
- Olivia Drake, American Voices Nominee, Gold Key. Davies High School, Fargo.

- MaKenna Duray, Silver Key, 2 Honorable Mentions. Kindred High School, Kindred.
- Teanna Eley, Honorable Mention. Valley Middle School, Grand Forks.
- Tonia Eriksmoen, Silver Key. Divide Co High School, Crosby.
- Victoria Fink, Honorable Mention. Horizon Middle School, Bismarck.
- Catalina Finkielman Bramati, Honorable Mention. Horizon Middle School, Bismarck.
- Connor Fitzgerald, Honorable Mention. Lisbon High School, Lisbon.
- Caldonia Frank, Gold Key. Fargo North High School, Fargo.
- Matt Freier, Silver Key. Kindred High School, Kindred.
- Brynn Gaebe, Silver Key. Horizon Middle School, Bismarck.
- Katherine Gehrig, Honorable Mention. Kindred High School, Kindred.
- Jamie Gorres, Honorable Mention. Northwood School, Northwood.
- Hunter Harrington, 3 Honorable Mentions. Fargo North High School, Fargo.

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- Athalia Haughton, Silver Key. Horizon Middle School, Bismarck.
- Kamryn Hellman, Gold Key. St Mary's Central High School, Bismarck.
- Megan Hubley, Honorable Mention. Horizon Middle School, Bismarck.
- Carsten Irgens, Silver Key. Horizon Middle School, Bismarck.
- JoBeth Johnson, Gold Key. Divide Co High School, Crosby.
- Payton Johnson, Honorable Mention. Northern Cass Public School, Hunter.
- Scott Johnson, 2 Silver Keys. Northwood School, Northwood.
- Sana Kathawala, Gold Key. Horizon Middle School, Bismarck.
- Alyssa Kemp, Gold Key, Silver Key, Honorable Mention. Cavalier Public School, Cavalier.
- Wesley Kemp, Gold Key. Cavalier Public School, Cavalier.
- Jessica Klein, Silver Key. Hazen High School, Hazen.
- Theresa Klinnert, Silver Key. Kindred High School, Kindred.
- Tawnee Laducer, Honorable Mention. Turtle Mountain Community High School, Belcourt.
- Stacia Legacie, 2 Silver Keys, Honorable Mention. Davies High School, Fargo.
- Iida Lehto, Honorable Mention. Watford City High School, Watford City.
- S. F. Lunde, Silver Key. Kindred High School, Kindred.
- Ntumba Lusamba, Silver Key. Fargo South High School, Fargo.
- Ellie MacFarlane, Honorable Mention. Kindred High School, Kindred.
- Gen Martinez, Gold Key, 3 Silver Keys, Honorable Mention. Divide Co High School, Crosby.
- Joel Miller, Honorable Mention. Cavalier Public School, Cavalier.
- Ashlynn Mitzel, Silver Key. Horizon Middle School, Bismarck.
- Brooklyn Morris, Gold Key. Horizon Middle School, Bismarck.
- Diane Mutumukeye, American Voices Nominee, Gold Key. Fargo South High School, Fargo.
- Rylan Myron, Silver Key. Northwood School, Northwood.
- Avery Nelson, Honorable Mention. Horizon Middle School, Bismarck.
- Morgan Nelson, Silver Key. Horizon Middle School, Bismarck.
- Erin Palmer, Honorable Mention. Horizon Middle School, Bismarck.
- Sunni Parisien, Honorable Mention. Turtle Mountain Community High School, Belcourt.
- Luke Pengilly, Honorable Mention. Horizon Middle School, Bismarck.
- Emily Plutowski, Gold Key, Silver Key, 3 Honorable Mentions. Minto School, Minto.
- Colton Rostvet, Honorable Mention. Northwood School, Northwood.
- Emily Russon, Silver Key. Horizon Middle School, Bismarck.
- Ainsley Sabo, Gold Key. Horizon Middle School, Bismarck.
- Juliet Sampson, 2 Gold Keys, Davies High School, Fargo.
- Aliyah Schaar, Honorable Mention. Horizon Middle School, Bismarck.
- Ellie Mae Schulz, Honorable Mention. North Sargent School, Gwinner.
- Maria Sebekow, Honorable Mention. Northwood School, Northwood.
- Hannah Slater, Silver Key. Fargo North High School, Fargo.
- Amelia Smith, Honorable Mention.
- Rebeca Trautman, Honorable Mention. North Star Public School, Cando.
- Courtney Vondal, Silver Key. Valley Middle School, Grand Forks.
- Autumn Vote, Honorable Mention. Turtle Mountain Community High School, Belcourt.
- Hailie Wilke, Honorable Mention. Horizon Middle School, Bismarck.

In celebration of this year's regional recipients, the ND state awards ceremony will take place on Saturday, March 10th at Plains Art Museum. There will be live music and refreshments during the reception from 5:30-6:30pm, and the program begins at 6:30pm. Dr. David Bertolini, Interim Dean of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at NDSU, is a featured speaker. North Dakota poet Denise Lajimodiere will read from her work. The North Dakota Awards are supported by Wells Fargo and Fredrickson & Byron.

A complete list of 2018 regional Gold Key Scholastic Art & Writing Awards recipients is available online at artandwriting.org.

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