

Scholastic Art & Writing Awards 2016 - Burlington Winners

Congratulations to the following Burlington students who have received individual Gold Keys, Silver Keys and Honorable Mentions at the annual Boston Globe Scholastic Art & Writing Awards competition.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards have existed since 1923 and the contest affords students across the country the opportunity to be recognized for their talents. At the regional level, students are selected to receive the Gold Key, the Silver Key, or Honorable Mention. Additionally, each state nominates five selected Gold Key level awards as American Visions & Voices Nominees to be further judged with the hope of achieving the distinction of "Best of Show".

At the national level, regional Gold Key works will advance to be judged for gold or silver medals.

The 2016 Burlington High School and Marshall Simonds Middle School award winners were selected from more 15,000 ART entries and 2,500 WRITING entries submitted to the Massachusetts Regional Scholastic Art & Writing Awards! Congratulations to all the winners!

ART

High School

- Aysha Afzal, Digital Art, Honorable Mention for *"Paper Towns"*
- Alpha Bathol, Photography, Gold Key for *"Home"*
- Arya Bhat, Digital Art, Gold Key for a digital self portrait
- Mia Celik, Photography, Gold Key for *"Adrian"*
- Marley Gainley, Digital Art, Silver Key for a digital self portrait entitled *"Visionary"*
- Jade Gordon, Digital Art, Gold Key for a digital self portrait
- Joel Hagan, Drawing & Illustration, Silver Key for his self portrait
- Stephanie O'Neill, Photo Portfolio, Silver Key for *"Dripping in Color"*
- Ronika Patel, Photography, Honorable Mention for *"Jessie"*
- Amanda Wagreich, Fashion, Honorable Mention for a dress entitled *"Books"*
- Morgan Walker, Ceramics, Honorable Mention for *"Pebble Bottle"*

Grade 8

- Sydney Alesse (currently gr. 9), Film & Animation, Honorable Mention for *"Nightmare"*

- Cynara Ferrao (currently gr. 9), Drawing & Illustration, Honorable Mention for *"Self Portrait"*
- Bridgett Brown, Painting, Honorable Mention for *"Untitled"*
- Olivia Perry, Painting, Honorable Mention for *"Urban Sunrise"*
- Grace Rakes, Drawing & Illustration, Silver Key for *"Inspiration Daydream"*
- Sameeksha Sharma, Drawing & Illustration, Honorable Mention for *"Precious Smile"*

Grade 7

- Jack Giles, Drawing & Illustration, Honorable Mention for *"Patriot Pride"*

MSMS Photography Club

- Ashlyn Biundo, gr. 8, Silver Key for *"Untitled"*
- Bridget Conceison, gr. 8, Silver Key for *"Bitter and Sweet"*
- Sophia Lupo, gr. 9, Honorable Mention for *"Invisible"*
- Sarah Owens, gr. 9, Silver Key for *"Enjoying the View"*
- Neil Pandit, gr. 9, Silver Key for *"Into the Barn"*
- Olivia Perry, gr. 8, Honorable Mention for *"Concrete Jungle"*
- Shea Riley, gr. 7, Silver Key for *"Portrait of Shannon"*
- Layla Robinson, gr. 8, Silver Key for *"My Grandma"*
- Sarah Schissler, gr. 8, Honorable Mention for *"Road to Vacation"*

WRITING

High School

- Sidra K. Afzal, Poetry, Honorable Mention (2 awards for two poems)
- Rebekah Aran, Short Story, Silver Key
- Rebekah Aran, Writing Portfolio, Silver Key
- Benedict Grubner, Journalism, Honorable Mention

Grade 8

8th Grade BEAM students entered in this year's writing contest include the following award recipients:

- Dilan Churchill, Poetry, Honorable Mention for *"Rooms"* <http://bit.ly/1m0U7RK>
- Aurora Golden, Poetry, Honorable Mention for *"Education"* <http://bit.ly/1Son8DJ>
- Niti Seereeram, Humor, Gold Key for *"Goldstar Children"* <http://bit.ly/1nsEfsr>
- Niti Seereeram, Flash Fiction, Silver Key for *"Clouds"* <http://bit.ly/1NFvGQi>

- Luis Villalta, Poetry collection, Gold Key for “*Black Hole*”, “*Fire and Water*”, “*My Chair*” <http://bit.ly/1m0SCTT>
- Luis Villalta, Short Story, Honorable Mention for “*The Emerald Man*” <http://bit.ly/1QKO68R>

Selected images of award-winning work from Burlington High School and Marshall Simonds Middle School can be found at this [link](#):

<https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B9vYVHeQSo2HV05LRm94dTFMd3c&usp=sharing>

A regional ceremony for Gold and Silver Key winning artwork will be held on March 12 at the Museum of Fine Arts Boston. Gold Key work will be on display in an exhibition at EF (Education First), Two Education Circle, Cambridge, MA 02141 (near the Science Museum), from March 5–March 20, 2016.

The Gold Key winning pieces will now continue on electronically to New York to compete against all the other Gold Key Winners from the other regions of the country. At the National level, work can win a GOLD MEDAL or a SILVER MEDAL. National Awards are announced in Mid-March.

About the Competition

From the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards website:
(www.scholastic.com/aboutscholastic/artwriting.htm)

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards began as a small writing contest with a \$5 prize and six winning applicants in 1923. Today, more than 90,000 teens in grades 7 through 12 from around the nation annually submit more than 185,000 works of art and writing in 28 categories. Winning students earn opportunities for recognition, exhibition, publication and scholarships.

The Awards, now presented by the nonprofit Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, not only celebrate the rich future of artistic America, but also document its past. The program has been credited with identifying early talent in generations of America’s cultural icons, including Truman Capote (1932), Richard Avedon (1941), Andy Warhol (ca. 1945), Sylvia Plath (1947), Robert Redford (1954) and Zac Posen (1998), each of whom won the award when they were in high

school...Richard Avedon called winning his Scholastic Award, "the defining moment of my life."