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## **Northeast Indiana/Northwest Ohio Students Announced as 2020 Regional Scholastic Art & Writing Award Recipients**

*690 Young Artists and Writers Recognized by Fort Wayne Museum of Art for their Original Works*

[FORT WAYNE, IN] — February 7, 2020 — Fort Wayne Museum of Art has announced the regional award recipients of the 2020 [Scholastic Art & Writing Awards](#). Presented by the nonprofit organization the **Alliance for Young Artists & Writers**, the 97<sup>th</sup> Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are the country's longest-running and most prestigious scholarship and recognition program for creative students in grades 7-12. More than 111,000 teens submitted their best art and writing in more than 100 regions across the country. Six hundred ninety creative teens from Northeast Indiana/Northwest Ohio received regional honors, including Gold Keys, Silver Keys, Honorable Mentions, or American Visions & Voices nominations, from local Affiliate Fort Wayne Museum of Art. A complete list of award recipients accompanies this news release.

American Visions nominees include Jocelyn Cooley, Carroll High School; Maddy Harp, Peru High School; Phobos Hoang, Canterbury High School; Jessica Keeler, Northrop High School; Josephine Storey, Maple Creek Middle School. American Voices Nominees include Annabeth Bretz, St. Joseph's High School; Elena Chen, Homestead High School; Taylor Huffman, RJ Baskett Middle School; Elizabeth Newsom, St. Ursula Academy; Nathan Phuong, Homestead High School.

In celebration of this year's regional recipients, the Fort Wayne Museum of Art will host an awards ceremony on February 16, 2020 at 1pm at the University of Saint Francis Robert Goldstine Performing Arts Center. Please contact the Fort Wayne Museum of Art for details.

Since the program's founding in 1923, the Awards have fostered the creativity and talent of millions of students and include a distinguished list of alumni including **Tschabalala Self, Stephen King, Kay WalkingStick, Charles White, Joyce Carol Oates, and Andy Warhol**, all of whom received recognition in the Awards when they were teens.

For **Gold Key** works of art and writing in the Awards' 29 categories, including architecture, painting, flash fiction, poetry, printmaking, video game design, and more, the opportunities for recognition will continue when the works are adjudicated again on a national level by a panel of leading creative professionals. National Gold Medalists will be announced in March 2020 and will be honored during a special awards ceremony at the world-famous Carnegie Hall in New York City on June 4, 2020. All National Medalists are eligible for a wealth of additional opportunities, such as inclusion in the [Art.Write.Now.Tour](#) traveling exhibition, and in the [The Best Teen Art](#) and [The Best Teen Writing](#) anthologies. National Medalist poets are considered for the [National Student Poets Program](#), the nation's highest honor for young poets presenting original work.

**QUOTES:**

“The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards exhibition continues to prove the concentration of highly talented and creative young people in this region, the quality of our teachers, and the value the people of this region place on artistic expression. The Fort Wayne Museum of Art is extremely proud of our role in helping these young people earn recognition for their achievements,” said Charles Shepard, CEO of the Fort Wayne Museum of Art.

**NATIONAL SPONSORS:**

The Alliance is grateful for its generous sponsors, who provide funds to support and produce the Scholastic Awards at the national level: Scholastic Inc., The Maurice R. Robinson Fund, New York Life Foundation, Command Companies, The New York Times, Blick Art Materials & Utrecht Art Supplies, The Herb Block Foundation, Golden Artist Colors, Bloomberg Philanthropies, National Endowment for the Arts, and the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs; and for the National Student Poets Program, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Poetry Foundation, and The Wunderkinder Foundation. The Alliance also expresses its gratitude to numerous other individuals, foundations, and corporations for their support.

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The Fort Wayne Museum of Art is grateful for its sponsors who support the Awards at the regional level. They include Wells Fargo, Lawrence Building Corp. and the Magee O’Connor Foundation.

For more information about the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers and the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, visit the Scholastic News Room: <http://mediaroom.scholastic.com/artandwriting>.

To learn more about the Scholastic exhibition at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art, visit <https://www.fwmoa.org/Exhibition/2020Scholastic>

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