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FWMoA Announces 44 National Scholastic Art and Writing Medals

March 27, 2019 (Fort Wayne, IN) – The Fort Wayne Museum of Art is pleased to announce the students who have won national recognition for their art and writing in the 2019 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards.

After competing at the regional level, 44 students from Northeast Indiana/Northwest Ohio were awarded Gold or Silver Medals by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, a national organization. Sabine Croy, a sophomore at Carroll High School, won the Civic Expression Award, one of six in the country that recognizes the promotion of responsible civic life and comes with a \$1,000 scholarship. Khira Hickbottom, a senior at Homestead High School, was awarded an American Voices Medal for her writing, and Martin Mbuguah, a junior at South Side High School, was awarded an American Visions Medal for his painting. American Visions and Voices Medals are the highest regional honors to be awarded and recognize “best of show” status in the regional exhibition at FWMoA.

Each year, the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers partners with more than 100 visual arts and literary arts organizations across the country to bring the Scholastic Awards to local communities. Teens in grades 7–12 apply in 29 categories of art and writing. In 2019, students across the country submitted nearly 350,000 works of art and writing to the Scholastic Awards. Student work in Northeast Indiana/Northwest Ohio recognized at the regional and national levels is on display at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art now through April 6.

The Northeast Indiana/Northwest Ohio Regional exhibition, organized by the Fort Wayne Museum of Art, has been sponsored with major support by Wells Fargo Bank, with additional support by Indiana Tech and Lawrence Building Corporation. Media partners include Northeast Indiana Public Radio.

The Fort Wayne Museum of Art is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and is a funded partner of Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne. This activity made possible, in part, with support from the Indiana Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

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>.

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