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Northeast Indiana and Northwest Ohio Students Announced as 2022 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Regional Winners

483 Young Artists and Writers Recognized by the Fort Wayne Museum of Art for their Original Works

Fort Wayne, IN — February 7, 2022— The Fort Wayne Museum of Art has announced the regional award winners of the 2022 [Scholastic Art & Writing Awards](#). Presented by the nonprofit organization the **Alliance for Young Artists & Writers**, the 99th 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 year, nearly 100,000 teens from across the United States and Canada submitted their best art and writing. 483 creative teens from Northeast Indiana and Northwest Ohio received regional honors, including Gold Keys, Silver Keys, Honorable Mentions, and American Visions & Voices nominations, from local Scholastic Awards Affiliate the Fort Wayne Museum of Art.

The following ten students—five artists and five writers—received the top regional honor, the American Visions & Voices nomination, signifying their work as best-in-show.

Receiving a Gold Key and American Visions Nomination for their artwork:

Kloee Cassel, Grade 12, Peru High School. *Floating Carcinogens*, Photography.

Claire Durham, Grade 12, Napoleon Jr Senior High School. *toast painting*, Painting.

Avery New, Grade 11, Carroll High School. *Choking Hazard*, Ceramics & Glass.

Addison Reed, Grade 8, Churubusco Jr. Senior High School. *Uno*, Painting.

Jared Sagan, Grade 12, Homestead High School. *I Know Where I'm Going, Lord, I Know Where I've Been* – Mixed Media.

Receiving a Gold Key and American Voices Nomination for their writing:

Elizabeth Clark, Grade 12, Canterbury High School. *Winter Poem*, Poetry.

David Polaniecki, Grade 8, St. Joseph Grade School. *The Horror of a Cane and a Bell*, Flash Fiction.

Sarah Rooney, Grade 9, Penn High School. *Stitches*, Science Fiction & Fantasy.

Sydney Taylor, Grade 11, St Joseph's High School. *"The Marks on Me,"* Poetry.

Natalie Timmerman, Grade 12, Ottawa Hills Jr. Senior High School. *M. Test*, Personal Essay & Memoir.

In celebration of this year's regional award winners, the Fort Wayne Museum of Art will host an open house on Sunday, February 20th from 12pm-5pm and will premiere a Virtual Awards Ceremony that evening at 7:30 pm on the FWMoA YouTube channel. The exhibition of awarded work will be on display at FWMoA from February 12 – April 9.

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 such as **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' 28 categories—including architecture, painting, flash fiction, poetry, printmaking, science fiction & fantasy, and more—the opportunities for recognition will continue when the works are considered for national honors, including a wealth of additional opportunities, such as scholarships, inclusion in the [Scholastic Awards Traveling Exhibition](#), and in anthologies [Best Teen Art](#) and [Best Teen Writing](#). Poets who win national awards are considered for the [National Student Poets Program](#), the nation's highest honor for young poets presenting original work. National awards will be announced on March 23, 2022.

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"Over their long history, the Scholastic Awards have not only provided important opportunities, but proved an essential source of validation for so many creative teens. Whether or not the award recipients decide to pursue careers in the arts, their proven ability to innovate and express their unique perspectives in universal ways will carry them into their chosen fields. Each year, the museum staff, the jurors who select the awarded works, and our wider community are blown away by the creativity of our region's teens and the educators who help nurture it," said Alyssa Dumire, director of education at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art.

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