“...I can tell he wishes to flee but he has the work of an entire generation bolting him to this moment...”
from TheAuthor Spots Charlie Parker Outside of an Unspecified Subway Stop in NY, NY

“& when the streetlights come on/ & her mother beckons her home/ she does not fade into the black of night/ nor does she return to the dirt...”
from Scene: black girl playing double dutch

“...more and more students and educators argue that standardized tests like the SAT and ACT stifle creativity...”
from What are Standardized Tests Worth?

“The two hottest weeks of June are good for nothing besides picking snails off cool wet vines and guiding them into broken clay pot homes, all while licking sticky sweet juice from hands and rosy cheek.”
from Seasons of Slovakia

“Maybe it was possible for the painfully beautiful to be born out of the unaffected head of man, springing from his mind like a white rabbit, turning him into a god”
from American Werewolves
The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards
Belin-Blank Center, The University of Iowa

Saturday, March 26, 2016 1:30 p.m.

Welcome and Introductory Remarks
Jan Warren, Assistant Director for Student Services, Belin-Blank Center
Susan Assouline, Director, Belin-Blank Center

Alliance Affiliate Greeting
Ken Burns, 2016 Scholastic Alumni Achievement Award Recipient

Keynote Speaker
David Gould, Obermann Center Public Scholar

Presentation of Awards
Jan Warren, Assistant Director for Student Services, Belin-Blank Center
Ashlee Van Fleet, Administrator for Curriculum & Instruction, Belin-Blank Center

Closing Remarks
Jan Warren, Assistant Director for Student Services, Belin-Blank Center

Jan Warren is the Assistant Director for Student Services at the Belin-Blank Center. She received her Bachelor of Music Education from Michigan State University (Honors) and Master of Arts in Counselor Education, specializing in College Student Development, from the University of Iowa. She has been with the Center since 1995 and oversees student programming and services.

Susan G. Assouline, the Myron & Jacqueline Blank Endowed Chair in Gifted Education at the University of Iowa, is a professor of school psychology and the director of the UI Belin-Blank Center. She received her B.S. in general science with a teaching endorsement, her Ed.S. in School Psychology, and her Ph.D. in Psychological and Quantitative Foundations, all from The University of Iowa. She joined the Belin-Blank Center in 1990.

Ken Burns, an award-winning documentary filmmaker and producer, received his Scholastic Award in 1971 for an essay he wrote while attending Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor, MI. Typically found behind the scenes, this greeting is a rare opportunity to see Mr. Burns in front of the camera delivering words of admiration and congratulations to students and educators.

David Gould is the University of Iowa’s first Obermann Center Public Scholar. Mr. Gould recently returned from spending 14 months working with the Downtown Project, a Zappos.com CEO Tony Hsieh led organization dedicated to transforming Downtown Las Vegas into the most community-focused large city in the world. During his tenure with the Obermann Center, he organized a Faculty Institute, designed to help faculty connect with the social challenges facing the modern city. He was also instrumental in developing Iowa’s Engaged Social Innovation major. As a filmmaker, Mr. Gould’s credits include “Freestyle: The Victories of Dan Gable” and “The Checker King.” These films premiered on HBO Signature and HBO2 respectively and enjoyed favorable reviews from such publications as the L.A. Times, Chicago Tribune, and Newsweek. Mr. Gould is currently producing the feature film “Diane’s Room”, based on the life of legendary wrestler Dan Gable.

Ashlee Van Fleet received her M.A.T. from the University of Iowa in 2013. She is an Administrator for Curriculum and Instruction at the Belin-Blank Center and is part of a team that develops and implements programs for students. She currently coordinates the Weekend Institute for Gifted Students, Challenge Saturdays, Invent Iowa and summer programs.

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The Belin-Blank Center gives a special thanks to the distinguished artists and writers who served as judges for the 2016 Iowa Regional Scholastic Art & Writing Awards.

The Belin-Blank Center’s Mary Bucksbaum Scanlan Visual Arts Program proudly serves as the Iowa Affiliate with the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers and the national Scholastic Art & Writing Awards.
March 26, 2016

Welcome to the University of Iowa, and congratulations on your writing and art achievements!

We are very proud to host you, some of the most talented young artists and writers from across Iowa, at the Belin-Blank Center for the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Recognition Ceremony. We are delighted and proud that we are able to recognize you for your talent, your hard work, your dedication to your craft, and your impressive achievement. The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards have a long, prestigious history of recognizing creative teens, and your accomplishment puts you in the company of some of our country's most important writers and artists of all kinds. You, your families and friends, and your teachers and mentors are no doubt extremely proud of all you have achieved at such a young age, and we at the University of Iowa join them in applauding your creative spirit and the remarkable results of your talent.

I thank the Belin-Blank Center as well as our other campus partners in making this recognition available to you and for their work in organizing and hosting this wonderful ceremony. I know that you will experience the impressive enthusiasm and welcoming spirit of our UI community today, and I hope that you will seriously consider the University of Iowa for your college education. We have been defining and advancing creativity in higher education for many decades, and you won't find many institutions with the kind of support and understanding of developing your artistic and literary skills that we offer you at Iowa. We pioneered the creation of the Master of Fine Arts degree, we created the "Iowa Idea" of combining studio practice and scholarly learning in the visual arts, we are an important center for the theater arts with distinguished alumni such as Tennessee Williams, we have developed world-renowned programs in music and filmmaking, and we still have the best Writers' Workshop in the world, along with many of the other best writing programs in the country and beyond. Iowa and creativity go hand in hand, and this is one of the best places for you to develop and hone your considerable talent. We'd love for you to join the incredible creative community right here at the University of Iowa.

Congratulations once again on your impressive creative achievement we are celebrating today. We are proud of you, and we are proud to host you at our great university and in our wonderful community. Best wishes for continued success in all that you pursue, and thank you for sharing your creative vision with all of us.

Sincerely,

J. Bruce Harreld
President
American Visions/Voices Award Nominees

Kate Goodwin, Drawing and Illustration, Dan Peterson, Iowa City High School
Sarah Kreutner, Photography, Jennifer Kreutner, Home Schooled
Grace Long, Photography, Amy Endres, Ballard High School
Alyssa Strotman, Photography, Shelli Hassebrock, Ames High School
Issac Vasquez, Drawing and Illustration, JoAnne Sayles, Davenport Central High School
David Ehmkce, Poetry, Wendy Bryce, East High School
Riley Lewers, Journalism, Colleen Davis, Iowa City High School
Emilia Porubcin, Personal Essay/Memoir, Gwen Pokora, Rivermont Collegiate
Sophia Schlesinger, Short Story, Colleen Davis, Iowa City High School

Gold Key Winners
9–12 grade art
Brea Baumhoever, Mixed Media, Jessica Huss, Storm Lake High School
Bailey Bellon, Drawing and Illustration, Christian Vandehaar, Bondurant-Farrar High School
Landry Boerhave, Drawing and Illustration, Emily Luensman, Cedar Falls High School
Polyphony Bruna, Printmaking, Shelli Hassebrock, Ames High School
Julia Campbell, Painting, Cassie Dunlavy, Central High School
Megan Carson, Drawing and Illustration, Amy Endres, Ballard High School
GaYeon Choi, Design, John Demory, Regina Junior Senior High School
GaYeon Choi, Drawing and Illustration, John Demory, Regina Junior Senior High School
Bethany Dadisman, Drawing and Illustration, Zane Vredenburg, Des Moines Christian School
Amanda Diedrick, Painting, Ann Diedrichsen, Vinton-Shellsburg High School
Audrey Diesslin, Drawing and Illustration, Lindsey Wede, Ames High School
Reagan Doty, Painting, Amy Endres, Ballard High School
Aaron Fischer, Ceramics & Glass, Renee Ott, Davenport Central High School
Allyson Goodman, Film & Animation, Shelli Hassebrock, Ames High School
Kate Goodvin, Drawing and Illustration, Dan Peterson, Iowa City High School
Hannah Gulic, Photography, Brad Travis, Spirit Lake High School
Thierry Habnushuti, Painting, Zane Vredenburg, Des Moines Christian School
Susanna Hall, Mixed Media, JoAnne Sayles, Davenport Central High School
Shahla Harris, Painting, JoAnne Sayles, Davenport Central High School
Shahla Harris, Ceramics & Glass, Renee Ott, Davenport Central High School
Shahla Harris, Jewelry, Renee Ott, Davenport Central High School
Kennedy Hill, Mixed Media, Renee Ott, Davenport Central High School
Natalie Jacobson, Drawing and Illustration, Janis Myers, Spencer High School
Mae Jenkins, Painting, Martha Neff, Keokuk High School
Elissa Krause, Design, Joyce Krause, Home Schooled
Sarah Kreutner, Photography, Jennifer Kreutner, Home Schooled

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Sarah Kreutner, Photography, Jennifer Kreutner, Home Schooled
Bobby Kwan, Art Portfolio, Jihyun Song, Home Schooled
Bobby Kwan, Sculpture, Jihyun Song, Home Schooled
Alyssa Lehman, Ceramics & Glass, Lisa Renee, Ames High School
Dawson Lester, Drawing and Illustration, Christian Vandehaar, Bondurant-Farrar High School
Wendy Leyva, Drawing and Illustration, Elizabeth Whyte, Storm Lake High School
Grace Long, Photography, Amy Endres, Ballard High School
Celina Main, Drawing and Illustration, Carol Flaten, Treynor Junior/Senior High School
Nathan Masters, Drawing and Illustration, Kate Beyke, Battle Creek-Ida Grove Senior High School
Riley Messinger, Drawing and Illustration, Pamela Geeding, Burlington Community High School
Kate Murray, Comic Art, Shelli Hassebrock, Ames High School
Breuklyn Opp, Ceramics & Glass, Brian Bohnen, Charles City High School
Breuklyn Opp, Architecture, Brian Bohnen, Charles City High School
Breuklyn Opp, Mixed Media, Brian Bohnen, Charles City High School
Breuklyn Opp, Sculpture, Brian Bohnen, Charles City High School
Stephan Penberthy, Digital Art, Shelli Hassebrock, Ames High School
Clara Reynen, Photography, Craig Fleece, Burlington Community High School
Taylor Rouse, Drawing and Illustration, Jans Myers, Spencer High School
Mia Ruther, Drawing and Illustration, Pamela Geeding, Burlington Community High School
Morgan Seemann, Drawing and Illustration, Carrie Schaefler, West High School
Kurt Sernett, Drawing and Illustration, Amy Endres, Ballard High School
Alyssa Strotman, Photography, Shelli Hassebrock, Ames High School
Kelsey Tope, Art Portfolio, Zane Vredenburg, Des Moines Christian School
Issac Vasquez, Drawing and Illustration, JoAnne Sayles, Davenport Central High School
Issac Vasquez, Art Portfolio, JoAnne Sayles, Davenport Central High School
Issac Vasquez, Drawing and Illustration, JoAnne Sayles, Davenport Central High School
Crystal Wen, Painting, Christian Anastad, West High School
Carter White, Fashion, Lori Sogge, West Marshall High School
Isaac Wolfe, Photography, Carol Wolfe, Home Schooled
Megan Wood, Photography, Jeff Sontag, Colfax-Mingo High School
Megan Wood, Photography, Jeff Sontag, Colfax-Mingo High School
Jamie Zhang, Digital Art, Lindsay Wede, Ames High School

9–12 grade writing
Ailsa Burke, Critical Essay, Beth Fettweis, Iowa City High School
David Ehmkce, Poetry, Wendy Bryce, East High School
David Ehmkce, Science Fiction/Fantasy, Wendy Bryce, East High School
David Ehmkce, Poetry, Wendy Bryce, East High School
David Ehmkce, Writing Portfolio, Wendy Bryce, East High School

Emma Harrington, Flash Fiction, Janet Ahrens, Grinnell High School
Emma Harrington, Flash Fiction, Janet Ahrens, Grinnell High School
Emma Harrington, Poetry, Janet Ahrens, Grinnell High School
Sarah Kreutner, Critical Essay, Jennifer Kreutner & Crystal stallman, Home Schooled
Matie Kupfer, Poetry, James Webb, Ames High School
Jillian Kurovski, Humor, Clark McFerren, Regina Junior Senior High School
Riley Lewers, Humor, Colleen Davis, Iowa City High School
Riley Lewers, Journalism, Colleen Davis, Iowa City High School
Vidya Mullangi, Personal Essay/Memoir, Craig Fleece, Burlington, Photography High School
Manasa Pagadala, Personal Essay/Memoir, Gwen Pokora, Rivermont Collegiate
Emilia Porubcin, Personal Essay/Memoir, Gwen Pokora, Rivermont Collegiate
Sophia Schlesinger, Short Story, Colleen Davis & Brad Hartwig, Iowa City High School
Sophia Schlesinger, Writing Portfolio, Colleen Davis & Brad Hartwig, Iowa City High School
Stefan Schmidt, Poetry, Tom Lindsey, West High School
Sydney Schnepel, Poetry, Marilyn Abbott, Treynor Junior/ Senior High School
Madeline Taylor, Short Story, Del Schmidt, Ames High School
Addison Williamson, Dramatic Script, Sherry Brooks, Central Academy
Jade Wilson-Buchholz, Science Fiction/Fantasy, Marilyn Abbott, Treynor Junior/Senior High School

7–8 grade art
Taylor Baisley, Mixed Media, Cappie Dobyns, Ames Middle School
Charlotte Bowler, Drawing and Illustration, Cappie Dobyns, Ames Middle School
Erin Bughman, Photography, Christie Watson, Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School
Bayi Jordan, Photography, Maura Bauer, Algona High School
Natalie Long, Photography, Molly McConnell, Prairie Ridge Middle School
Yuer Zhu, Drawing and Illustration, Cappie Dobyns, Ames Middle School

7–8 grade writing
Hannah Bissen, Science Fiction/Fantasy, Nyra Sundan, Harlan Community Middle School
Samantha Canevy, Science Fiction/Fantasy, Jayne Staniforth, Ames Middle School
Hannah Harvey, Flash Fiction, Michelle Peck, Bergman Academy
Hannah Huang, Short Story, Jayne Staniforth, Ames Middle School
Lillian Kelley, Poetry, Angela Bender, Madrid Junior High School
Sarah King, Poetry, Stephen Plummer, Gerald W. Kirk Junior High School
Hannah Krejci, Dramatic Script, Chris Edgerton, Franklin Middle School
Betsy Marlow, Journalism, Chris Edgerton, Franklin Middle School
Aidan Morgan, Poetry, Stephen Plummer, Gerald W. Kirk High School
Madelyn O’Brien, Poetry, Chris Edgerton, Franklin Middle School
Diego Paciotto-Biggers, Short Story, Rachael Pisarik, Southeast Junior High School
Sophia Parker, Flash Fiction, Erryn O’Conner, Parkview Middle School
Andrew Pooch, Humor, Erryn O’Conner, Parkview Middle School
Riley Pope, Personal Essay/Memoir, Stephen Plummer, Gerald W. Kirk Junior High School

• American Visions/Voice Award Nominees—Regional Affiliates nominate five Gold Key artworks as “Best of Show.” One National American Visions Award recipient is recognized from each region.

• Gold Key—Artwork demonstrating the highest levels of achievement in technique, originality, and personal voice.

• Silver Key—Artwork demonstrating achievement worthy of recognition on the regional level.

• Honorable Mention—Artwork demonstrating creative potential.
Silver Key Winners

9–12 grade art
Rachel Asmus, Painting, Kathi Walker, Audubon High School
Chloe Barry, Painting, Cappie Dobyns, Ames High School
Chloe Baumann, Photography, Janet Ahrens, Grinnell High School
Brea Baumhower, Mixed Media, Jessica Huss, Storm Lake High School
Bailey Bellon, Drawing and Illustration, Christian Vandehaer, Bondurant-Farrar High School
Haley Benson, Painting, Martha Neff, Keokuk High School
Makenna Blackford, Drawing and Illustration, Amy Miller, Alburnett High School
Faith Boecker, Photography, Martha Neff, Keokuk High School
Landy Boonhaye, Art Portfolio, Emily Luensman & Lisa Klenke, Cedar Falls High School
Polyphony Bruna, Drawing and Illustration, Shellie Hassebrock, Ames High School
GaYeun Cho, Drawing and Illustration, John Demory, Regina Junior/Senior High School
Amber Chrisechilles, Photography, Elizabeth Whyte, Storm Lake High School
Kayla Clark, Digital Art, Janis Myers, Spencer High School
Ethan Constant, Drawing and Illustration, Shellie Hassebrock, Ames High School
Kyleigh Cowles, Jewelry, Lisa Renze, Ames High School
William Crow, Photography, Lindsay Wede, Ames High School
Deysy Cruz, Drawing and Illustration, Laurie Phillips, Abraham Lincoln High School
Sydney Cuzzoo, Drawing and Illustration, Christian Vandehaer, Bondurant-Farrar High School
Marlene Domeich-Hayes, Drawing and Illustration, Shellie Hassebrock, Ames High School
Marlene Domeich-Hayes, Sculpture, Lisa Renze, Ames High School
Maia Durr, Photography, Janet Ahrens, Grinnell High School
Abby Ehmeke, Mixed Media, Jim Villim, East High School
David Ehmeke, Photography, Wendy Bryce, East High School
Adam Finley, Drawing and Illustration, Kathy Wallander, Audubon High School
Aaron Fischer, Ceramics & Glass, Renee Ott, Davenport Central High School
Oliva Fletcher, Painting, Janis Myers & Dave Storm, Spencer High School
Norah Foster, Drawing and Illustration, Amy Endres, Ballard High School
Isabela Gallegos, Photography, Janet Ahrens, Grinnell High School
Branwen Gerard, Ceramics & Glass, Lisa Renze, Ames High School
Michael Gonzales, Photography, Ellen Craig, Davenport Central High School
Michael Gonzales, Photography, Ellen Craig, Davenport Central High School
Allyson Goodman, Digital Art, Shellie Hassebrock, Ames High School
Kate Goodkin, Painting, Dan Peterson, Iowa City High School
Mayli Grady, Digital Art, Clint Balsar, Creative Arts Academy of the Quad Cities
Hannah Gulick, Photography, Brad Travis, Spirit Lake High School
Thierry Habirshuti, Drawing and Illustration, Zane Vredenburg, Des Moines Christian School
Suzanna Hall, Drawing and Illustration, JoAnne Sayles, Davenport Central High School
Suzanna Hall, Drawing and Illustration, JoAnne Sayles, Davenport Central High School
Shalali Harris, Ceramics & Glass, Renee Ott, Davenport Central High School
Shalali Harris, Painting, JoAnne Sayles, Davenport Central High School
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Shalali Harris, Drawing and Illustration, JoAnne Sayles, Davenport Central High School
Shalali Harris, Painting, JoAnne Sayles, Davenport Central High School
Destry Hawkins, Ceramics & Glass, Amy Miller, Alburnett Junior/Senior High School
Kiya Hill, Drawing and Illustration, JoAnne Sayles, Davenport Central High School
Natalie Jacobson, Drawing and Illustration, Janis Myers, Spencer High School
Haley Jontz, Drawing and Illustration, Christian Vandehaer, Bondurant-Farrar High School
Regan Kilzer, Photography, Shellie Hassebrock, Ames High School
Grace Kite, Photography, Martha Neff, Keokuk High School
Grace Kite, Photography, Martha Neff, Keokuk High School
Jenna Krause, Photography, Joanne Sayles, Davenport Central High School
Elissa Krause, Mixed Media, Joyce Krause, Home School
Elissa Krause, Mixed Media, Joyce Krause, Home School
Elissa Krause, Mixed Media, Joyce Krause, Home School
Jenna Krause, Photography, Joanne Sayles, Davenport Central High School
Karen Kress, Photography, Shelli Hassebrock, Ames High School
Sarah Kreutzer, Photography, Jennifer Kreutzer, Home School
Sarah Kreutzer, Photography, Jennifer Kreutzer, Home School
Sarah Kreutzer, Photography, Jennifer Kreutzer, Home School
Sarah Kreutzer, Photography, Jennifer Kreutzer, Home School
Sarah Kreutzer, Photography, Jennifer Kreutzer, Home School
Bobby Kwon, Sculpture, Jihyun Song, Home School
Kassidy Lawler, Drawing and Illustration, Pamela Geeding, Burlington Community High School
Kassidy Lawler, Painting, Pamela Geeding, Burlington Community High School
Kassidy Lawler, Painting, Pamela Geeding, Burlington Community High School
Dawson Lester, Drawing and Illustration, Christian Vandehaer, Bondurant-Farrar High School
Grace Long, Photography, Amy Endres, Ballard High School
Grace Long, Photography, Amy Endres, Ballard High School
Angel Louwagie, Printmaking, Jessica Huss, Storm Lake High School
Tiago Marquez, Drawing and Illustration, JoAnne Sayles, Davenport Central High School
Nathan Mastens, Painting, Kate Beyke, Battle Creek-Ida Grove Senior High School
Jenna Matthews, Drawing and Illustration, Amy Endres, Ballard High School
Dawson Medin, Photography, Amy Miller, Alburnett Junior/Senior High School
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Madi Morris, Sculpture, Angie White, Linn-Mar High School
Kate Murray, Drawing and Illustration, Shellie Hassebrock, Ames High School
Kate Murray, Art Portfolio, Shellie Hassebrock, Ames High School
Cole Needham, Film & Animation, Lori Sogge, West Marshall High School
Cole Needham, Film & Animation, Lori Sogge, West Marshall High School
Carne Norton, Drawing and Illustration, Christian Vandehaer, Bondurant-Farrar High School
Carne Norton, Drawing and Illustration, Christian Vandehaer, Bondurant-Farrar High School
Breuklyn Opp, Painting, Brian Bohlen, Charles City High School
Breuklyn Opp, Art Portfolio, Brian Bohlen, Charles City High School
Breuklyn Opp, Painting, Brian Bohlen, Charles City High School
Breuklyn Opp, Sculpture, Brian Bohlen, Charles City High School
Anura Padgett, Photography, Martha Neff, Keokuk High School
Kallan Paulsen, Drawing and Illustration, Christian Vandehaer, Bondurant-Farrar High School
Kalsey Pavelka, Drawing and Illustration, Jeff Yoachim, Glenwood Community High School
Callista Pressnell, Drawing and Illustration, Christian Vandehaer, Bondurant-Farrar High School
Sydney Purcell, Drawing and Illustration, Christian Vandehaer, Bondurant-Farrar High School

Jacky Reyes, Drawing and Illustration, Elizabeth Whyte, Storm Lake High School
Angiecella Ruth, Drawing and Illustration, Mary Swanson, Thomas Jefferson High School
Paytn Schramm, Drawing and Illustration, Kathy Wallander, Audubon High School
Morgan Seemann, Art Portfolio, Carrie Schaefler, West High School
Morgan Seemann, Painting, Carrie Schaefler, West High School
Morgan Seemann, Mixed Media, Carrie Schaefler, West High School
Alyssa Strotman, Photography, Shellie Hassebrock, Ames High School
Abigail VanHaften, Jewelry, Sara Kirk, PCM High School
Tracie Webb, Drawing and Illustration, Christian Vandehaer, Bondurant-Farrar High School
Carter White, Fashion, Lori Sogge, West Marshall High School
Malory Wilhelm, Painting, Jessica Huss, Storm Lake High School
Isaac Wolfe, Drawing and Illustration, Edward Wolfe, Home School
Jamie Zhang, Digital Art, Lindsay Wede, Ames High School
Jamie Zhang, Drawing and Illustration, Lindsay Wede, Ames High School
Angela Zirbes, Comic Art, Christian Anestad, West High School

9–12 grade writing
Samuel Anthony, Short Story, Meg Corbin, Iowa City High School
Regan Benbow, Flash Fiction, Libby Russell, West Marshall High School
Kyleigh Brandt, Writing Portfolio, Amy Miller, Alburnett Junior/Senior High School
Zach Breit, Personal Essay/Memoir, Ann Hanigan, Waukee Senior High School
Sophia Burger, Personal Essay/Memoir, Janis Myers, Spencer High School
Ayla Canin, Humor, Beth Fettweis, Iowa City High School
Zoe Charley, Short Story, Michelle Rathe, Cedar Falls High School
Mackenzie Cross, Writing Portfolio, Ksenia Zibanova, Cam High School
Oliva Dunn, Humor, Doug Nichols, Waverly-Shell Rock Senior High School
David Ehmeke, Poetry, Wendy Bryce, East High School
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Collin Ellisbury, Short Story, John McBride, Fort Dodge High School
Lindsey Grady, Critical Essay, Lori Danner, Prairie High School
Hannah Gulick, Poetry, Matt Mitchell & Kim Sierck, Spirit Lake High School
Wilson Hedderich, Science Fiction/Fantasy, Cate Miller, Central Academy
Calab Holder, Critical Essay, Sarah Steinmetz, Abraham Lincoln High School
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Natalie Holmes, Poetry, Colleen Davis, Iowa City High School
Natalie Holmes, Personal Essay/Memoir, Colleen Davis, Iowa City High School
Madeline Ingalls, Flash Fiction, Clark McFerren, Regina Junior Senior High School
Abbey Jamison, Short Story, Charlotte Clowis & Sara O'Reilly, West Monona High School
Nandini Jayaram, Poetry, Jennifer Levora, Pleasant Valley High School
Sarah Kreutzer, Poetry, Jennifer Kreutzer & Crystal Stallman, Home School
Sarah Kreutzer, Personal Essay/Memoir, Jennifer Kreutzer, Home School
Sarah Kreutzer, Poetry, Jennifer Kreutzer, Home School
Mattice Kupfer, Poetry, James Webb, Ames High School
Bobby Kwon, Critical Essay, Jihyun Song, Home School
Bobby Kwon, Critical Essay, Jihyun Song, Home School
Raylee Leyer, Poetry, Colleen Davis, Iowa City High School
Nova Meurice, Critical Essay, Beth Fettweis, Iowa City High School
Nova Meurice, Humor, Beth Fettweis, Iowa City High School
Gillian Mohn, Short Story, Cindy Prettew, Sheldon High School
Ashlyn Mulcahey, Flash Fiction, Clark McFerren, Regina Junior Senior High School
Abinaya Paravathuramahes, Critical Essay, Jennifer Levora, Pleasant Valley High School
Kyra Randle, Personal Essay/Memoir, Alina Borger-Germann, Iowa City High School
Clara Rayner, Poetry, Craig Fleece, Burlington Community High School
Rebecca Rodrigues, Humor, Sherry Brooks, Central Academy
Rebecca Rodrigues, Flash Fiction, Sherry Brooks, Central Academy
Sarah Smith, Personal Essay/Memoir, Meg Corbin, Iowa City High School
Kyla Stallman, Short Story, Cindi Previtt, Sheldon High School
Bryanna Sterzenbach, Poetry, Cathi Miller, Central Academy
Aaron Swanson, Dramatic Script, Angela Bendler, Madrid High School
Zoe Swintker, Flash Fiction, Cate Miller, Des Moines Central Campus High School
Kendall Walker, Short Story, Kyle Luttenegger, Saydel High School
Zoe Zahr, Poetry, Janis Myers, Spencer High School

7–8 grade art
Maggi Borota, Drawing and Illustration, Cassie Dunlavey, Central Middle School
Lily Dessel, Photography, Andrea Harbaugh, South Middle School
Lily Dosedel, Photography, Andrea Harbaugh, South Middle School
Anna Fassbinder, Ceramics & Glass, Christy Watson, Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School
Anna Fassbinder, Photography, Christy Watson, Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School
Anna Fassbinder, Photography, Christy Watson, Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School
Kaitlyn Frick, Painting, Cassie Dunlavey, Central Middle School
Aggie Geers, Photography, Christy Watson, Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School
Aggie Geers, Photography, Christy Watson, Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School
Samantha Porthakis, Fashion, Allison Arevalo, Holy Trinity Jr Sr High School
Morgan Severence, Photography, Molly McConnell, Prairie Ridge Middle School
Alexis Vetter, Ceramics & Glass, Cassie Dunlavey, Central Middle School
Erin Yoan, Mixed Media, Cappie Dobyns, Ames Middle School

7–8 grade writing
Sarah Conner, Personal Essay/Memoir, Cappie Dobyns, Ames Middle School
Mallory Day, Flash Fiction, Eryn O’Connor, Parkview Middle School
Emma Evans, Poetry, Julie Wigle, Kookuk Middle School
Lucy Ha, Flash Fiction, Eryn O’Connor, Parkview Middle School
Hannah Harvey, Poetry, Michelle Peck, Bergman Academy
Tyler Lewis, Flash Fiction, Eryn O’Connor, Parkview Middle School
Anicah Lilly, Short Story, Eryn O’Connor, Parkview Middle School
Red McMartin, Humor, Eryn O’Connor, Parkview Middle School
Jocelyn Ridgway, Science Fiction/Fantasy, Eryn O’Connor, Parkview Middle School
Garrett Snyder, Poetry, Stephen Plummer, Gerald W Kim Junior High School
Eva Van de Morted, Flash Fiction, Eryn O’Connor, Parkview Middle School
Maya Warren, Poetry, Mike Keller-Wilson, Southeast Junior High School
Brooklyn Wille, Science Fiction/Fantasy, Michelle Kavars, St. Albert Junior/Senior High School
Reagan Wolford, Science Fiction/Fantasy, Michelle Kavars, St. Albert Junior/Senior High School

Honorable Mention Winners

9–12 grade art
Alexis Borges, Digital Art, Elizabeth Whyte, Storm Lake High School
Alexis Briley, Design, Jessica Huss, Storm Lake High School
Isabella Brown, Fashion, Amy Miller, Albertinnt Junior/Senior High School
GaYeon Choi, Painting, John Demory, Regina Senior High School
GaYeon Choi, Painting, John Demory, Regina Senior High School
Eryn Cozad, Drawing and Illustration, Kathy Wallander, Audubon High School
William Crow, Photography, Lindsay Wede, Ames High School
Olivia Fletcher, Drawing and Illustration, Janis Myers, Spencer High School
Dalton Gaffney, Drawing and Illustration, Shellie Hassebrock, Ames High School
Branwen Gerard, Comic Art, Lisa Renz, Ames High School
Mary Gould, Ceramics & Glass, Renee Ott, Davenport Central High School
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Mayli Grady, Digital Art, Clint Balsar, Creative Arts Academy of the Quad Cities
Hannah Hansen, Photography, Gail Heninger, Central High School
Shalaj Harris, Ceramics & Glass, Amy Miller, Albertinnt Junior/Senior High School
Chloe Heffner, Photography, Janis Myers, Spencer High School
Katherine Hem, Ceramics & Glass, Lisa Renz, Ames High School
Taylor Huber, Ceramics & Glass, Amy Miller, Albertinnt Junior/Senior High School
Brandon Johnson, Film & Animation, Shellie Hassebrock & Lindsay Wede, Ames High School
Kathryn King, Photography, Ellen Craig, Davenport Central High School
Franziska Klett, Photography, Janet Ahrens, Grinnell High School
Jenna Krause, Photography, Joyce Krause, Home Schooled
Jenna Krause, Photography, Joyce Krause, Home Schooled
Wren Kress, Photography, Shellie Hassebrock, Ames High School
Wren Kress, Photography, Shellie Hassebrock, Ames High School
Sarah Kreutner, Photography, Jennifer Kreutner, Home Schooled
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Mattie Kupfer, Drawing and Illustration, Lindsay Wede, Ames High School
Bobby Kwon, Sculpture, Jihyun Song, Home Schooled
Maggie Lauren, Sculpture, Chris Thilges, Linn-Mar High School
Zoey Lazere, Drawing and Illustration, Shellie Hassebrock, Ames High School
Kelsey Leffler, Photography, Martha Neff, Kookuk High School
Grace Long, Photography, Amy Endres, Ballard High School
Dalton Mesch, Digital Art, Trent Benesh, North-Linn Senior High School
Riley Messinger, Painting, Pamela Geeding, Burlington Community High School
Ceclia Mitchell, Drawing and Illustration, Janet Ahrens, Grinnell High School
Jordyn Mixdorf, Drawing and Illustration, Sara Kirk, PCM High School
Reilly Moeller, Drawing and Illustration, Joanna Sayles, Davenport Central High School
Madi Morris, Sculpture, Angie White, Linn-Mar High School
Kate Murray, Drawing and Illustration, Shellie Hassebrock, Ames High School
Carrie Norton, Drawing and Illustration, Christian Vandeheaar, Bondurant-Farrar High School
 Carly O’ Conner, Painting, Cassie Dunlavey, Central Middle School
Sydney Obermeier, Drawing and Illustration, Kathy Wallander, Audubon High School
Jessica Orken, Ceramics & Glass, Amy Endres, Ballard High School

9–12 grade writing
Brooklynn Opp, Painting, Brian Bohlen, Charles City High School
Madison Pierce, Drawing and Illustration, Martha Neff, Kookuk High School
Callista Presnall, Drawing and Illustration, Christian Vandeheaar, Bondurant-Farrar High School
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Lindsay Puls, Ceramics & Glass, Renee Ott, Davenport Central High School
Levi Rees, Drawing and Illustration, Marie Kierscht, Spencer High School
Jacky Reyes, Drawing and Illustration, Elizabeth Whyte, Storm Lake High School
Hope Roland, Photography, Janet Ahrens, Grinnell High School
Megan Roth, Painting, Christian Vandeheaar, Bondurant-Farrar High School
Angelica Ruth, Drawing and Illustration, Mary Swanson, Thomas Jefferson High School
Grace Ryken, Mixed Media, Lisa Renz, Ames High School
Grace Ryken, Mixed Media, Lisa Renz, Ames High School
Tayden Seay, Mixed Media, Martha Neff, Keokuk High School
Tayden Seay, Painting, Martha Neff, Keokuk High School
Tayden Seay, Painting, Martha Neff, Keokuk High School
Hannah Song, Art Portfolio, Christian Aanestad, West High School
Morgan Spatola, Mixed Media, Kathy Wallander, Audubon High School
Kylee Trimble, Jewelry, Amy Miller, Albertinnt Junior/Senior High School
Lydia Trimble, Photography, Ellen Craig, Davenport Central High School
Kyra Trowdle, Film & Animation, Angela Bendler, Madrid High School
Jasmine Valley, Mixed Media, Trent Benesh, North-Linn Senior High School
Issac Vasquez, Drawing and Illustration, Joanna Sayles, Davenport Central High School
Issac Vasquez, Drawing and Illustration, Joanna Sayles, Davenport Central High School
Trace Webb, Art Portfolio, Christian Vandeheaar, Bondurant-Farrar High School
Gregg Wedder, Prettymaking, Lindsay Wede, Ames High School
Geena Weber, Drawing and Illustration, Kathy Wallander, Audubon High School
Jorja West, Mixed Media, Kathy Wallander, Audubon High School
Carrie Westmoreland, Painting, Joanna Sayles, Davenport Central High School
Braeden Weyrich, Photography, Shellie Hassebrock, Ames High School
Braeden Weyrich, Photography, Shellie Hassebrock, Ames High School
Grant Whitsler, Drawing and Illustration, Cheryl Smith, Waukee Senior High School
Leah Wolter, Drawing and Illustration, Lindsay Wede, Ames High School
Zoe Zahr, Painting, Janis Myers, Spencer High School
Joseph Zaiger, Drawing and Illustration, Kathy Wallander, Audubon High School
Eliah Zaiger, Drawing and Illustration, Kathy Wallander, Audubon High School

Honorable Mention Winners

Anna Baynton, Poetry, Daphne Foreman, Iowa City High School
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Emma Benge, Short Story, Clint Balsar, Creative Arts Academy of the Quad Cities
Madeline Berner, Writing Portfolio, Barbara Edler, Keokuk High School
Madeline Berner, Poetry, Barbara Edler, Keokuk High School
Kyleigh Brandt, Poetry, Amy Miller, Albertinnt Junior/Senior High School
Kelly Brockert, Writing Portfolio, Kyla Kiburis, Gladbrook-Remick High School
Sophia Burger, Personal Essay/Memoir, Janis Myers, Spencer High School
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