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## Northeast Indiana/Northwest Ohio Students Announced as 2019 Regional Scholastic Art & Writing Award Recipients

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

FORT WAYNE, IN — February 8, 2019 — Fort Wayne Museum of Art has announced the regional award recipients of the 2019 [Scholastic Art & Writing Awards](#). Presented by the nonprofit organization the **Alliance for Young Artists & Writers**, the 96<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. This program year, nearly 340,000 works of art and writing were submitted to more than 100 Affiliate Partners across the country. 718 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, including those listed in the accompanying spreadsheet.

In celebration of this year's regional recipients, the Fort Wayne Museum of Art will host an awards ceremony on February 17, 2019 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 **Andy Warhol, Truman Capote, Richard Avedon, Philip Pearlstein, Sylvia Plath, Stephen King, Richard Linklater, Zac Posen, and Lena Dunham**, 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 2019 and will be honored during a special awards ceremony at the world-famous Carnegie Hall in New York City in June 2019. All National Medalists are eligible for a wealth of additional opportunities such as inclusion in the [Art.Write.Now.Tour](#) traveling exhibition and [The Best Teen Writing](#) anthology. National Medalist poets are considered for the [National Student Poets Program](#), the nation's highest honor for young poets presenting original work.

A complete list of 2019 regional Gold Key Scholastic Art & Writing Awards recipients is available online at [artandwriting.org](http://artandwriting.org).

### **QUOTES:**

"The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards exhibition is living proof to the concentration of highly talented and creative young people in this region, and it just keeps getting better. 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.

“We partner with an amazing network of Affiliate Partners who bring the program to life by recognizing and encouraging creative teens across America,” said **Virginia McEnerney, Executive Director of the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers**. “Over the course of the program’s nearly century-long history, we’ve learned that this recognition can be life-changing. For many creative teens, their regional Scholastic Award leads to recognition at the national level, where opportunities for exhibition, publication, and millions of dollars in scholarships await those who receive top honors.”

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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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