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Local Students' Original Artwork on Display in Year-Long Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Exhibition at Two Prestigious Washington, D.C. Locations

The nonprofit Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, in partnership with The U.S. Department of Education and the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, host the annual Art.Write.Now.DC Exhibition

Fort Wayne Museum of Art Regional Affiliate featured in special exhibition showcase

FORT WAYNE, IN – SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 – The annual [Art.Write.Now.DC Exhibition](#) is now on view at two prominent Washington D.C. locations: the [U.S. Department of Education](#) and the [President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities](#), an advisory committee to the White House on cultural issues. This permanent art collection features more than 80 original works of art along with writing from students who received National Medals in the 2015 [Scholastic Art & Writing Awards](#). The Awards program is the country's longest-running and most prestigious scholarship and recognition initiative for creative teens, presented by the nonprofit [Alliance for Young Artists & Writers](#). As part of this year's Exhibition, a special showcase highlights the impressive efforts made by the Fort Wayne Museum of Art (FWMA), the Regional Affiliate for the Northeast Indiana/Northwest Ohio Region, and the students they serve. This regional highlight includes works by local students:

Please see the attached spreadsheet for the complete list of 54 local students, as well as several images of select artworks.

"We are so very proud of the talents of the young artists and writers in this region. Over the past several years, they have continually shown impressive creative strengths and vision in their work. We are also proud of the high number of committed and equally talented faculty members in this region's schools, and the Fort Wayne Museum of Art's involvement with the Scholastic program is a significant aspect of our identity," said Charles Shepard, President & CEO of the Fort Wayne Museum of Art.

In the 2015 program year, a record breaking 300,000+ works spanning the program's 28 different categories were submitted for adjudication at the regional level to more than 100 Affiliates of the Alliance, such as FWMA, with more than 1,900 students receiving national recognition. The talented students who receive Scholastic Art & Writing Awards gain access to exhibition and publication opportunities, as well as academic awards and scholarships provided through partnerships with colleges and universities. These exceptional students walk in the footsteps of renowned alumni of the program including Andy Warhol, Truman Capote, Sylvia Plath and Stephen King. More recent alumni include Zac Posen and Lena Dunham. Within the Exhibition's regional highlight, a series of virtual classroom lectures featuring select, recent Awards alumni will be projected via online webinar technology, presented by the **Hope Gap Project**—a program developed by FWMA that engages Awards alumni from their area to inspire and motivate creative youth.

“Year after year it is our privilege to bring the unique visions and voices of today’s youth to Washington, D.C. through the Art.Write.Now.DC Exhibition,” said Virginia McEnerney, Executive Director of the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. “These teens from every corner of the country continue to inspire us through their innovative ideas, bringing fresh perspectives and views to the world around us. We are proud to partner with the Department of Education and the President’s Committee on the Arts and the Humanities to shine a well-deserved spotlight on these talented students as they continue on their creative paths.”

A complete list of student work featured in the Art.Write.Now.DC Exhibition is available [here](#). Throughout the exhibition, a selection of National Medalist writing from the 2015 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards will also be displayed. These literary works can be found in *The Best Teen Writing of 2015* anthology, a student-edited anthology of authentic teenage voices from across the country. If you are in the DC area and would like to visit the exhibition, please contact tour@artandwriting.org. Students interested in submitting original work to the 2016 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards can do so beginning September 16, 2015. To learn more about the application process and to view original work by Scholastic Art & Writing Award recipients, visit: <http://www.artandwriting.org>.

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For more information about the Alliance and the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, visit the Scholastic media room: <http://mediaroom.scholastic.com/artandwriting>.

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