Everhart Museum Announces 2022 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards for Northeastern PA Region and Gold Key Award Exhibition at Everhart February 3–27, 2022

Scranton, PA - The Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science and Art in affiliation with the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers is proud to announce the 2022 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards participants and winners for the Northeastern PA Region. An exhibition of the work of all Gold Key Award recipients takes place at the Museum February 3 through February 27, 2022.

The awards in order of prestige are Gold Key, Silver Key, and Honorable Mention. All Regional Gold Key Award recipients move on to the national competition to compete for a National Gold Key Award. Four of the Northeastern PA Region Gold Key Award recipients are recognized as American Vision Nominees, which automatically advances them to the national competition to compete for American Vision Award for their region.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, established in 1923, is the nation's longest-running and most prestigious art and writing recognition program for students Grades 7 through 12, and the Museum has hosted the competition for the Northeastern PA Region since 2018. This year, the Museum received over 400 submissions of artwork from junior and senior high school students from 24
schools within a 15 county area.

“We are very proud to host this competition and display the work of students from across the Northeastern Pennsylvania region who continue to follow their passion and realize their artistic potential during a very difficult time,” says Nancy Ariza, Everhart Museum assistant director of public programs. “This year’s submissions are indicative of the students’ remarkable creativity and dedication. We commend all participants as well as the teachers, parents, and guardians who have encouraged and facilitated their artistry.”

The Alliance for Young Artists and Writers is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to identify students with exceptional artistic and literary talent and present their remarkable work to the world. Through the Awards, students receive opportunities for recognition, exhibition, publication, and scholarships.

2022 Award Recipients

American Vision Nominees are:
Aiden Itsalapron of Pennsylvania Virtual Charter School
Emma Kaufman of Warrior Run High School
Julia Poncavage of Crestwood High School
Scarlett Weir of Delaware Valley High School

Gold Key Award Recipients are:
Paige Collins of Wyoming Seminary Upper School
Jonathan Cooley of Wayne Highlands Middle School
Sarah Correnti of Stroudsburg High School
Asha Hohmuth of Lewisburg High School
Aiden Itsalapron of Pennsylvania Virtual Charter School
Liberty Justice-Dean of Lewisburg High School
Emma Kaufman of Warrior Run High School
Maya Kulick of North Pocono High School
Alena Lee of West Scranton High School
Grace Liszka of Delaware Valley High School
Katherine O’Brien of Abington Heights High School
Julia Poncavage of Crestwood High School
Madilynn Rhinevault of Montrose Jr-Sr High School
Anthony Santos of Scranton High School
Giovanni Sariti of Scranton High School
Jane Schwartz of Scranton High School
Nicholas Shin of Wyoming Seminary Upper School
Lily Warner of Elk Lake High School
Scarlett Weir of Delaware Valley High School

Silver Key Award Recipients are:
Skyler Ball of Blue Ridge High School
Madeline Bormes of Scranton Preparatory High School
Anna Brown of Wayne Highland Middle School
Cora Burt of Honesdale High School
Maya Byron of Honesdale High School
Paige Collins of Wyoming Seminary Upper School
Leah Crawley of North Pocono High School
Emma Darazsdi of Delaware Valley High School
Hannah De Vrieze of Wayne Highlands Middle School
Mirabella Demmo of Delaware Valley High School
Jessica Ely of Elk Lake High School
Emma Faithfull of Honesdale High School
Sam Hadley of Delaware Valley High School
Jocelyn Hnath of Wayne Highlands Middle School
Asha Hohmuth of Lewisburg High School
Bria Klingerman of North Pocono High School
Maya Kulick of North Pocono High School
Nick Lolli of Scranton High School
Brandon Maros-Moran of Delaware Valley High School
Sophia Miller of Delaware Valley High School
Caitlin Rafala of Warrior Run High School
Rachel Richter of Delaware Valley High School
Anthony Santos of Scranton High School
Emma Strauch of Stroudsburg High School
Isaiah Torres of Blue Ridge High School
Lauren Wall of Mid Valley Secondary Center
Claragail Wheeler of Honesdale High School
Cassia Wilson of Abington Heights High School
Moer Yang of Abington Heights High School

Honorable Mention Recipients are:
Cecelia Adams of Montrose Jr Senior High School
Cordelia Anc of Delaware Valley High School
Kiera Andusko of Blue Ridge High School
Madeline Bormes of Scranton Preparatory High School
Anna Brown of Wayne Highlands Middle School
Cora Burt of Honesdale High School
Paige Cadwalder of Scranton High School
Youngeun Choi of Delaware Valley High School
Olivia Coelho of Delaware Valley High School
Maddi Connor of Abington Heights High School
Gabrielle Courtright of Delaware Valley High School
Leah Crawley of North Pocono High School
Hannah De Vrieze of Wayne Highlands Middle School
Ethan DeGrazia of Honesdale High School
Soyer DeLucy of North Pocono High School
Sarah Ehrenhardt of Damascus Area School
Alyssa Ernst of Forest City Regional Jr Sr High School
Mackenzie Gems of Dunmore High School
Kayla Hazelwood of Mid Valley Secondary Center
Michael Hegedus of Scranton High School
Victoria Herne of West Scranton High School
Evelyn Higgins of Pocono Mountain East High School
Jocelyn Hnath of Wayne Highlands Middle School
Asha Hohmuth of Lewisburg High School
Irwin Jimenez of Scranton High School
Luke Klamp of Abington Heights High School
Maya Kulick of North Pocono High School
Grace Liszka of Delaware Valley High School
Zoe Mahon of Wayne Highlands Middle School
Madeline Mallon of Delaware Valley High School
Sophia Miller of Delaware Valley High School
Jorden Millirons of Wilkes-Barre Area School District - CAPAA
Sarai Miranda of Wayne Highlands Middle School
Kaitlyn Mormon of North Pocono High School
Kyle Munley of Abington Heights High School
Isabelle Pearn of Delaware Valley High School
Andrea Proehl of Forest City Regional Jr Sr High School
Rachel Richter of Delaware Valley High School
Julia Rizzo of Scranton High School
Ethan Sansolis of Delaware Valley High School
Giovanni Sariti of Scranton High School
Kyliegh Simar of Delaware Valley High School
Chloe Slater of West Scranton High School
Bee Tonart of Mid Valley Secondary Center
Isaiah Torres of Blue Ridge High School
About the Everhart Museum:
The Everhart Museum is located at 1901 Mulberry Street, Scranton, PA. It has temporary hours of 12:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 12:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is $5 for adults, $3 for students and seniors, and free for children 12 and under. Admission is free for Everhart Museum members. For more information and updates on expanded hours, please visit https://everhart-museum.org/, contact the Museum at 570-346-7186, or email general.info@everhartmuseum.org.

Founded in 1908, the Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science & Art is the largest general museum in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The Everhart Museum, located in Nay Aug Park in Scranton, is a not-for-profit institution dedicated to the collection, care, and display of a diverse array of artifacts, including natural history, science, and fine arts. Through our exhibitions and programs, the Everhart Museum has become an invaluable regional resource for educational and cultural opportunities. General support for the Museum is received from the Lackawanna County Office of Education & Culture, the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, and the City of Scranton.

About the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers: Founded in 1923, the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are the nation’s longest-running, most prestigious educational initiative supporting student achievement in the visual and literary arts. The program has an impressive legacy of being the first to acknowledge creative talent and is today’s largest source of scholarships for creative teens. For more information, you may visit their website at www.artandwriting.org.

Land Acknowledgement:
We recognize that the Everhart Museum exists on the sacred council ground of the Haudenosaunee. This region represents a place of coming together, peace, and friendship. We respectfully acknowledge this place and honor its significant history.

Attached photo information:

**Photo 1:**
* Squirrel Cage Ride by Aiden Itsalapron, Grade 12, Pennsylvania Virtual Charter School

**Photo 2:**
* Trypanophobia by Emma Kaufman, Grade 12, Warrior Run High School

**Photo 3:**
* Visions of Blue by Julia Poncavage, Grade 12, Crestwood High School
Photo 4:
The Hideout by Julia Poncavage, Grade 12, Crestwood High School

Photo 5:
Drowning in Drapery by Scarlett Weir, Grade 10, Delaware Valley High School

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