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St. Mary's Academy Students Earn 118 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards

Portland, Ore.—St. Mary's Academy students received 118 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards for creative projects submitted earlier this year. This tremendous achievement demonstrates the high caliber of St. Mary's writing and arts programs, as well as the widespread talent and creativity of its student body.

This year, many students entered projects which they developed as part of an assignment for an art or creative writing class at St. Mary's Academy. However, students also submitted projects which they envisioned and pursued on their own time. Throughout the writing and artistic process, faculty members provided encouragement and resources to enable students to participate and succeed.

"We are extremely honored and proud to have so many Scholastic Art and Writing Award winners at St. Mary's Academy. This great accomplishment reflects both the talent and hard work of our students, as well as the dedication of our faculty members who make themselves available to students for feedback and support outside of the classroom," said Principal Nicole Foran.

In the 2018 Portland Metro Scholastic Art Awards, St. Mary's students submitted 147 entries and earned 47 awards for excellence, including 20 Gold Key awards. Participants submitted work in a wide array of media including, but not limited to: drawing, painting, photography, jewelry, digital art and mixed media. The 20 Gold Key Award winners displayed their work at the Portland Metro Scholastic Award Exhibition at the Pacific Northwest College of Art in early February and will represent St. Mary's Academy in the National Scholastic Art Awards program.

In the writing category, 41 students won a total of 71 awards, including 16 Gold Key awards, a record number for St. Mary's Academy. Students submitted written works in a variety of categories including: short fiction, poetry, personal essay, memoir, dramatic script, Science Fiction, journalism and much more. The 16 Gold Key winners will represent St. Mary's as their work advances to the National Scholastic Writing Awards competition.

The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards is the country's oldest and most prestigious competition of its kind. St. Mary's Academy applauds its many talented artists and writers for their extraordinary work.

Art Award Recipients

Nayantara Arora: 1 Honorable Mention for jewelry Ally Baker: 1 Honorable Mention for digital art Amelia Binnett: 1 Silver Key for sculpture

Caity Briare: 1 Silver Key for mixed media, 1 Honorable Mention for mixed media

Sofia Britten: 2 Honorable Mentions for painting and mixed media

Olivia DiGiulio: 3 Gold Keys for photography

Macy Eiesland: 3 Honorable Mentions for film and animation, mixed media, and portfolio

Julia Fuss: 1 Gold Key for digital art, 1 Honorable Mention for painting

Willa Grund: 1 Honorable Mention for painting Chani Hall: 2 Honorable Mentions for digital art Sophia Hallinan: 1 Silver Key for mixed media Zoe Hansen: 1 Honorable Mention for painting

Susannah Henning: 2 Honorable Mentions for photography

Anna Horne: 2 Gold Keys for photography

Tess Kelleher: 3 Gold Keys for painting, and drawing and illustration, 2 Silver Keys for drawing

and illustration, 1 Honorable Mention for drawing and illustration

Naia L'Amour-Wolf: 1 Silver Key for digital art, 2 Honorable Mentions for drawing and

illustration

Lilly Landis-Croft: 4 Gold Keys for digital art and photography, 1 Silver Key for digital art

Sophia Mick: 1 Honorable Mention for mixed media

Anna Millman: 2 Gold Keys for photography, 1 Silver Key for photography, 3 Honorable

Mentions for photography

Serapiya Niyokwizigira: 1 Silver Key for drawing and illustration, 1 Honorable Mention for

drawing and illustration

Gabby Paisner: 2 Honorable Mentions for photography Makiah Roberts: 1 Honorable Mention for digital art

Sarah Sedgewick: 1 Gold Key for drawing and illustration, 1 Honorable Mention for digital art

Lucy Skrypzak: 1 Silver Key for comic art

Kelly Smith: 2 Honorable Mentions for photography, and drawing and illustration

Clare Soennichsen: 1 Gold Key for drawing and illustration, 2 Honorable Mentions for drawing

and illustration, and mixed media

Grace Stewart: 1 Gold Key for comic art

Angela Tipton: 1 Honorable Mention for fashion

Ha-Lan Van: 1 Gold Key for fashion, 1 Honorable Mention for photography Nat Ware: 1 Gold Key for photography, 1 Honorable Mention for portfolio

Writing Award Recipients

Madeleine Adriance: 2 Silver Keys for dramatic script and science fiction

Nayantara Arora: 1 Honorable Mention for poetry

Hannah Bachman: 1 Silver Key for poetry

Blakely Bagwell: 1 Silver Key for memoir, 1 Honorable Mention for short story

Elise Barnes: 1 Honorable Mention for memoir

Katherine Bloch: 1 Silver Key for memoir Annie Bragdon: 1 Silver Key for poetry

Grace Bragdon: 3 Silver Keys, 1 Honorable Mention for poetry

Olivia Cull: 1 Silver Key for poetry

Kara D'Ascenzo: 1 Silver Key for personal essay, 1 Honorable Mention for humor

Olivia DiGiulio: 1 Silver Key for poetry

Margo Digiacinto: 1 Gold Key for poetry, 2 Silver Keys for poetry and personal essay

Sam Dossett: 1 Gold Key for memoir

Anna Ferrarini: 2 Silver Keys for memoir and poetry, 1 Honorable Mention for flash fiction

Grace Graham: 1 Honorable Mention for personal essay

Maria Gray: 3 Gold Keys for personal essay and two poems, 2 Silver Keys for poetry and

portfolio, 3 Honorable Mentions for personal essay and two poems Willa Grund: 3 Honorable Mentions for flash fiction and two poems

Anna Horne: 1 Silver Key for poetry Alex Hussey: 1 Silver Key for memoir Sophie Johnson: 1 Gold Key for memoir Dagny Keltner: 1 Silver Key for poetry

Claire Laubacher: 1 Gold Key for poetry, 1 Honorable Mention for poetry

Anna Lipari: 1 Gold Key for memoir, 1 Silver Key for poetry, 1 Honorable Mention for poetry

Kira Mesch: 1 Silver Key for poetry, 1 Honorable Mention for poetry

Hannah Park: 1 Silver Key for memoir Sarah Perry: 2 Gold Keys for poetry

Ann Ramsey: 3 Silver Key for flash fiction and two poems

Helen Rossmiller: 1 Silver Key for personal essay Alex Shenson-Collins: 1 Gold Key for personal essay

Malia Shipsey: 1 Gold Key for short story Ellie Simmons: 1 Gold Key for poetry

Clare Soennichsen: 1 Honorable Mention for memoir

Becky Summit: 1 Gold Key for memoir Meylina Tran: 1 Silver Key for poetry

Finn Vega: 1 Silver Key for flash fiction, 1 Honorable Mention for flash fiction Ames Vinson: 1 Silver Key for poetry, 1 Honorable Mention for personal essay

Cat Walker: 1 Gold Key for short story

Jenny White: 1 Silver Key for poetry

Laura Woodhouse: 1 Honorable Mention for memoir

Abigail Woods: 1 Gold Key for personal essay, 1 Silver Key for personal essay

Lauren Yanase: 1 Gold Key for short story, 1 Silver Key for memoir

Jasmine Yu: 1 Honorable Mention for memoir

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