

2014 MISSISSIPPI SCHOLASTIC WRITING AWARDS WINNERS

NATIONAL MEDALS

Personal Essay/Memoir:

Nicholas Elder	Mimi's Museum	Silver Medal
Thomas Joyner	Redemption	Silver Medal

Poetry:

Jessica Garner	Muscadine Time	Silver Medal
Rachel Jones	Hail Mary; I Remember Sunday; Aunt; Mississippi Queen; Switches	Silver Medal
Lee Schmidt	Manuscript; Already Ghosts; Birdsong Other People's Hands; Car Crash	Silver Medal

Short Story:

Lee Schmidt	The Gate	American Voices Medal
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American Voices Nominees

Ian Garner	Science Fiction/Fantasy	Forevermore
Sarah Pendleton	Dramatic Script	AFK (Away From Keyboard)
Lee Schmidt	Short Story	The Gate
Maggie Smith	Flash Fiction	Arsenic the Barefoot Adventuress
Sarah Kathleen Stewart	Personal Essay/Memoir	My Escape

Senior Portfolio Winners

Jackson Academy—Teacher: Sarah Ryburn Mealer

Paige Rogers Gold Key

Jackson Preparatory School—Teacher: Paul Smith

Gracie Hubacek Gold Key

Mississippi School of the Arts—Teacher: Jeanne Lebow

Katelyn Davis Gold Key

Rita Albert Silver Key

Jamie Lee Silver Key

Veronica Wilson Silver Key

Mississippi School for Math and Science—Teacher: Emma Richardson

Rachel Jones Honorable Mention

Joseph Messer Honorable Mention

St. Andrew's Episcopal School—Teacher: Taylor Kitchings

Lee Schmidt Honorable Mention

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Individual Category Winners

Center Hill High School—Teacher: Cynthia Stanley

Nathan Allen—Honorable Mention for Poetry: The Rose; Lieu of Left; Mother Nature; Insomnia; Loss
Carly Golding –Gold Key for Science Fiction/Fantasy: Ad Infinitum (A Brief Intermission)

Clinton Christian Academy—Teacher: Lane Ramsay

Valeria Brown—Gold Key for Poetry: Raindrops Fall; Eyes; The Cold Woods; Imagine; Our Purpose in Time

Desoto Central High School—Teacher: Stephanie Risher

Logan Schoonover—Silver Key for Flash Fiction: She Met Him on the Stairs

Gautier High School—Teacher: Becky Green

Lynne Little—Silver Key for Short Story: Leave Me Alone

Home School—Teacher: Lee Pendleton

Sarah Pendleton—Gold Key for Dramatic Script: AFK (Away From Keyboard);
Silver Key for Poetry: Tide Over

Jackson Academy—Teacher: Sarah Ryburn Mealer

William Bell—Honorable Mention for Short Story: The Smoker in Cubicle 51
Elizabeth Burford—Honorable Mention for Poetry: Running Away; Amsterdam, 1942; An Unbirthday Present
Paige Rogers—Gold Key for Short Story: Traps

Jackson Preparatory School—Teacher: Paul Smith

John William Creel—Silver Key for Poetry: Through a Child's Eyes
Robert Frey—Silver Key for Poetry: Caught in the Wild
Hannah Herrin—Honorable Mention for Poetry: Amelia; Honorable Mention for Poetry: Meli; Honorable Mention for Poetry: Streetcar
Kimberly Hydrick—Silver Key for Poetry: Manikin; Honorable Mention for Poetry: The Insomniac
Thomas Joyner—Gold Key for Humor: Crumbling Fantasies and Shattered Dreams; Gold Key for Personal Essay/Memoir: Redemption; Silver Key for Personal Essay/Memoir: Freedom
Dotsie Stevens—Silver Key for Poetry: The Gypsy
Tyler Wann—Silver Key for Short Story: Counting Crows; Silver Key for Short Story: House Party
Hanson Woo—Honorable Mention for Poetry: Dust

Lamar School—Teacher: Mary Wilson

Alice McKelvey—Honorable Mention for Personal Essay/Memoir: The Archaic Paradox

Lamar School—Teacher: Jamie Ransier

Anniston Cooper Pope—Silver Key for Personal Essay/Memoir: The Hope Necklace

Long Beach Senior High School—Teacher: Marcia French

Daniel Young—Silver Key for Poetry: The Con Man

Madison Middle School—Teacher: Allison McCullough

Bethany Hall—Honorable Mention for Short Story: Death is My Dove

William Stanard—Silver Key for Short Story: Jace Parker and the Cageville Job

Mississippi School for Math and Science—Teacher: Emma Richardson

Gerry Cannon—Honorable Mention for Poetry: Next-door Cousins; Mother's Memories; Open Window; Honorable Mention for Poetry: Rumble; The Black Widow; Mother's Eyes; Brains Will Fall; Honorable Mention for Short Story: Lysel

Jena Dees—Silver Key for Poetry: La Chica Nueva

Nicholas Elder—Gold Key for Personal Essay/Memoir: Mimi's Museum; Silver Key for Poetry: Driving In August; E, F, ' _ ', H, I; Battle Of The Birds; Cicada; Gray; Honorable Mention for Personal Essay/Memoir: Family Speak

Quenton Gilmore—Honorable Mention for Poetry: The Other Side; Dave Riddersnick; The Color Black; Friend to the End

Tylicia Grove—Silver Key for Personal Essay/Memoir: Travelling Down Mississippi's Sidewinders; Honorable Mention for Personal Essay/Memoir: My Family: Our Antics, Our Speech

Adina Harri—Gold Key for Personal Essay/Memoir: Roots; Silver Key for Poetry: Grandma's Hands; Paradise; Treasure Hunting; Dreaming; Honorable Mention for Personal Essay/Memoir: Drive Through; Honorable Mention for Personal Essay/Memoir: Choices

Tristan Johnston—Honorable Mention for Poetry: Aunt and Sound

Rachel Jones—Gold Key for Personal Essay/Memoir: A Pariah's Travelogue; Gold Key for Poetry: Hail Mary; I Remember Sunday; Aunt; Mississippi Queen; Switches; Silver Key for Personal Essay/Memoir: Journey through the Rain

Monica Kala—Honorable Mention for Poetry: The Dueling Drawer; Ode to the Kitchen Table; Mother Dearest; Happiness is When...

Quinn Massengill—Silver Key for Poetry: Puzzle; Arachne; The New Season; World of Grey; Lost Girl

Ashtyn McAdams—Honorable Mention for Poetry: Snow; Classroom Soundtrack; The Artist; Colors of the Field; Runaway Child

Michael McDonald—Silver Key for Personal Essay/Memoir: Supper Table; Silver Key for Poetry: Center Stage; Echoes; Kali; Singing

Joseph Messer—Silver Key for Personal Essay/Memoir: Home in Space; Silver Key for Poetry: Skin of Ice; Honorable Mention for Personal Essay/Memoir: It's Full of Stars; Honorable Mention for Short Story: Chocolate Chip Cookies
Sabrina Moore—Gold Key for Personal Essay/Memoir: Against the Current
Srimadhav Nallani—Silver Key for Poetry: Trains; Happiness is When; Jerry; Hungry; S
Victoria Norton—Honorable Mention for Poetry: "o" There You Are; Camouflage
Brendan Ryan—Gold Key for Poetry: Loch Cairlinn; Streaks of Light; Kings of the Playground

Mississippi School of the Arts—Teacher: Jeanne Lebow

Rita Albert—Honorable Mention for Humor: Road Block; Honorable Mention for Poetry: Cold War; Flight; Palmistry
Charles Allen—Silver Key for Poetry: To My Shadow Self (part 3) Anger; To My Shadow Self (part 4) Depression; To My Shadow Self (part 5) The Upward Turn; To My Shadow Self (part 6) Acceptance; Honorable Mention for Poetry: The Labyrinth
LeAnna Barnhardt—Silver Key for Personal Essay/Memoir: Confrontation
Katelyn Davis—Gold Key for Flash Fiction: 4,200 Degrees Fahrenheit; Honorable Mention for Dramatic Script: Sewing Scissors; Honorable Mention for Flash Fiction: Ailing
Danielle Dixon—Honorable Mention for Flash Fiction: Boundaries
Mara Hodges—Honorable Mention for Personal Essay/Memoir: The Strong Word; Honorable Mention for Short Story: My Pet Zombie, Squishy
Jamie Lee—Honorable Mention for Humor: A Polished Anniversary; Honorable Mention for Short Story: Hidden Agenda
Katelynn McCoy—Silver Key for Flash Fiction: Being a Trooper; Honorable Mention for Humor: Hoopla
Sharon McDuffie—Honorable Mention for Personal Essay/Memoir: Blowing Dandelions
Maria Monterde—Gold Key for Humor: Jabbermouth; Silver Key for Poetry: Sporadic; Ana; Bleeding Heart; Post Traumatic Stress
Nicholette Provias—Silver Key for Poetry: Coyote; Tree of Life; Honorable Mention for Poetry: Heil Hitler; Honorable Mention for Short Story: Gone; Honorable Mention for Short Story: Stigmatized Property
Aubree Riggle—Silver Key for Humor: Sour Patch Kids; Silver Key for Poetry: A Story of the Heart; Annually Anxious
Ciara Wiese—Honorable Mention for Science Fiction/Fantasy: Sushi and Cake
Veronica Wilson—Gold Key for Short Story: All Great and Precious Things; Silver Key for Short Story: Indigo Cove; Honorable Mention for Personal Essay/Memoir: To Infinity and Beyond; Honorable Mention for Short Story: Sense Memory

Murrah High School—Teacher: Sarah Ballard

Lily Garretson—Silver Key for Poetry: Ophelia

Melanie Groves—Silver Key for Personal Essay/Memoir: Simplicity to a Tea;

Honorable Mention for Personal Essay/Memoir: Trigger Happy; Honorable
Mention for Poetry: A Cry for Gc

Jessica Hackett—Honorable Mention for Short Story: Masterpiece

Courtney Hill—Honorable Mention for Poetry: My Life

Doris Hines—Honorable Mention for Poetry: Jacket

Christopher Robinson—Honorable Mention for Short Story: The End

Adria Walker—Gold Key for Poetry: Con Anima; Honorable Mention for Poetry:
Wait.

Nettleton Middle School—Teacher: Cathy Ford

John Gavin Patterson—Silver Key for Short Story: Growing Up in the Military

Madison Shumpert—Honorable Mention for Short Story: The Christmas Wish

Yasmine Smith—Honorable Mention for Flash Fiction: The Blind Date

Julianna Vaughn—Silver Key for Science Fiction/Fantasy: The Attack

North Pike Senior High School—Teacher: Deedra Bales

Abigail Hooks—Silver Key for Personal Essay/Memoir: My Military Life

Northwest Rankin High School—Teacher: Cindy Christian

Ramsey Barber—Honorable Mention for Personal Essay/Memoir: Three Minutes of
Sheer Terror

Our Lady Academy—Teacher: Kerri Guichet

Abby Guy—Honorable Mention for Short Story: Second Chances

Poplarville Junior Senior High School—Teacher: Lauren Owen

Mercedes Mayfield—Honorable Mention for Personal Essay/Memoir: Daddy Who?;

Honorable Mention for Short Story: Burnt Bacon

Potts Camp Attendance Center—Teacher: Shelly Clayton

Steven Dillard—Honorable Mention for Poetry: The Hurricane is Coming

Rosa Scott School—Teacher: Rebecca Kirk

Chandler Carter—Honorable Mention for Personal Essay/Memoir: Soaring to New
Heights

Matthew Hendley—Silver Key for Flash Fiction: Years of Separation

Abby Johnston—Honorable Mention for Journalism: A Small Gift for a Significant
Cause

Connor Jones—Honorable Mention for Flash Fiction: Coincidental Occurrence

Caroline Lewis—Honorable Mention for Personal Essay/Memoir: My Experience of
a Lifetime

Zach Phelan—Honorable Mention for Poetry: The Wick and the Wicked; A Shadow's
Sun

Taylor Richardson—Silver Key for Poetry: Game Time; Letter to Father
Sydney Taylor—Silver Key for Flash Fiction: Outgrow Your Heart

Sacred Heart School—Teacher: Mike Tebo

Allyn Evans—Silver Key for Personal Essay/Memoir: Will It Be Okay?
Lauren Hunter Gaudet—Honorable Mention for Personal Essay/Memoir: He
Changed
Brooklyn Mooney—Silver Key for Personal Essay/Memoir: addiction.
Eleanor Rosa—Gold Key for Personal Essay/Memoir: Beautiful Tragedy
Sarah Kathleen Stewart—Gold Key for Personal Essay/Memoir: My Escape
Lillian Thomas—Gold Key for Personal Essay/Memoir: You Don't Need Water to
Feel Like You're Drowning
Chris Wilkins—Silver Key for Personal Essay/Memoir: Driven

St. Aloysius High School—Teacher: Jordan Amborn

Victoria Gong—Gold Key for Flash Fiction: Inside The Box; Honorable Mention
for Flash Fiction: Eleven Seconds

St. Andrew's Episcopal School—Teacher: Beth Graham

Lauren Allen—Honorable Mention for Poetry: Up On a Hill; Smile; We Know

St. Andrew's Episcopal School—Teacher: Taylor Kitchings

Marina Ali—Silver Key for Short Story: Skyscrapers and Turnstiles; Honorable
Mention for Science Fiction/Fantasy: Over
Mackenzie Ellis—Gold Key for Short Story: Bob and Weave
Jessica Garner—Gold Key for Poetry: Gambler; Gold Key for Poetry: Symphony;
Gold Key for Poetry: Sunglasses; Gold Key for Poetry: Muscadine Time;
Gold Key for Short Story: Momma Says; Honorable Mention for Poetry:
This Is What I Want You to See
Maddie Handler—Honorable Mention for Poetry: Crack Baby; Honorable Mention
for Poetry: Rock, Paper, Scissors; Honorable Mention for Short Story:
Carnations; Honorable Mention for Short Story: Don't Worry About It
Samantha Ong—Silver Key for Poetry: Performer; Honorable Mention for Poetry:
Flying
Patrick Scanlon—Silver Key for Flash Fiction: First Car
Lee Schmidt—Gold Key for Poetry: Already Ghosts; Manuscript; Birdsong; Other
People's Hands; Car Crash; Gold Key for Poetry: Second Heart; Way Road;
Enthalpy; Uncharted; Gold Key for Short Story: The Gate; Silver Key for
Dramatic Script: Eden; Silver Key for Science Fiction/Fantasy: Vega-3;
Honorable Mention for Short Story: Final Round
Carlisle Shelton—Gold Key for Poetry: It's Just A Shot Away; Gold Key for Poetry:
Everybody Loves Somebody; Silver Key for Poetry: Bad Moon Rising; Silver
Key for Poetry: Out of Here; Silver Key for Poetry: Coming This Fall; A
Different Fairy Tale; Honorable Mention for Poetry: Pen

St. Joseph Catholic School—Teacher: Matthew Hosler

DeZell Lathon—Silver Key for Poetry: ABC Poem; Ode to Ketchup; Me and My Aspirations; 9 Ways to Discover Opus 47

Maggie Smith—Gold Key for Flash Fiction: Arsenic the Barefoot Adventuress; Honorable Mention for Poetry: Ode to the Kitchen; Tigress; Let Go; Nothing Happens At My School; My Flambé

Tupelo High School—Teacher: Suzanne McGrath

Marcie Koehn—Gold Key for Short Story: The Final Thoughts of a Sufferer

Tupelo High School—Teacher: Amber Nichols-Buckley

Michael Murphy—Honorable Mention for Short Story: Inner Indecision

West Harrison High School—Teacher: Kelsie Dove

Whitley Wright—Silver Key for Short Story: The Spiderlily on the Wall

West Lauderdale Attendance Center—Teacher: Sandy Reid

Ian Garner—Gold Key for Science Fiction/Fantasy: Forevermore

ABOUT THE REGIONAL AWARDS

Gold Key—Writing which demonstrates the highest levels of achievement in technique, originality, and personal voice. Gold Key winning work is forwarded to New York City for National Adjudication. Students are recognized with Gold Key lapel pins and certificates.

American Voices Nominees—Regional Affiliates of the Alliance are allowed to nominate five Gold Key works from the individual categories which are deemed as the “Best in Region.” These works are reviewed in a special adjudication for the American Voices Award. One National American Voices Award recipient is recognized from each region.

Silver Key—Writing which demonstrates achievement worthy of recognition on the regional level. Students are recognized with Silver Key lapel pins and certificates.

Honorable Mention—Writing which demonstrates creative potential. Students are recognized with certificates.