

2016 Mississippi Scholastic Writing Awards Winners

American Voices Nominees

Hannah Herrin	Flash Fiction	Pirouetter	Jackson Preparatory School
John Hollins	Poetry	Lovers Paradise	Mississippi School for the Arts
Lilly Hunt	Short Story	Yellow Ladybug	Southern Baptist Ed. Center
Marie Konopacki	Poetry	When	Hancock High School
Reagan Poston	Personal Essay/Memoir	Where the Heart Should Be	MS School for Math & Science

Senior Portfolio Winners

Sherisse Joy Carino	Gold Key	MS School for Math & Science	A Collection of People
Hannah Herrin	Gold Key Silver Key	Jackson Preparatory School	To Lipstick and Discovery Birdsongs & Another Little Voice
Vernell Allen	Silver Key	Mississippi School for the Arts	Self-Examination
Rayben Lee	Silver Key	Union High School	Rayben Lee
Carly Sneed	Silver Key	MS School for Math & Science	A Collection of People and Places
Aerial Adams	Honorable Mention	Mississippi School for the Arts	New Beginnings
Caitlyn Beachamp	Honorable Mention	Harrison Central High School	Psychoanalysis
Laurel Lancaster	Honorable Mention	MS School for Math & Science	Wordsmithing
Christopher Melton	Honorable Mention	Mississippi School for the Arts	Family
Jessica Moore	Honorable Mention	Mississippi School for the Arts	Relations// Examination
Elly Fae Williams	Honorable Mention	Mississippi School for the Arts	Crookhaven

Gold Key Winners

Armstrong Middle School—*Educator: Nicole Dozier*

Catherine Li	Poetry	Bright, Yellow Sneakers
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Business & Technology Complex—*Educator: Deondra Ellzey*

Brailey Vine	Personal Essay/Memoir	Going South
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Hancock High School—*Educator: Sarah Bailey*

Marie Konopacki	Poetry	When
	Poetry	Roots

Jackson Preparatory School—*Educator: Paul Smith*

Camille Grady	Poetry	Weather Forecast For A Lover, Think
Hannah Herrin	Flash Fiction	Pirouetter
	Personal Essay/Memoir	To Lipstick and Discovery
	Poetry	Womb/ What My Mother Lost
	Poetry	Rosemary's Twin
	Poetry	Parthenogenesis
Jewels Tauzin	Poetry	The Greenest

Madison Central High School—*Educator: Laura Miller*

Maddie Gall	Poetry	Stained Glass Window
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Madison Middle School—*Educator: Kay Franz*

Claire Hickman	Poetry	Dad
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Mississippi School for Math & Science—*Educator: Emma Richardson*

Sherisse Joy Carino	Flash Fiction	Who Are You?
Zoe Fowler	Personal Essay/Memoir	The Longest Road Home
Summar McGee	Flash Fiction	Headin' South
Reagan Poston	Personal Essay/Memoir	Where the Heart Should Be

Mississippi School for the Arts—*Educator: Jeanne Lebow*

Morgan Goodwin	Poetry	Scene
John Hollins	Poetry	Perspective Collection
	Poetry	Lovers' Paradise
Kelsey King	Poetry	Cleansing; Nightfall; Lantern Bugs
Elly Fae Williams	Humor	AA and the Atheist

Northwest Rankin High School—*Educator: Cindy Christian*

Tress Risinger	Personal Essay/Memoir	Clocks
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Rosa Scott High School—*Educator: Rebecca Kirk*

Natalie Gault	Personal Essay/Memoir	Loss
Garrett Johnson	Flash Fiction	The House in the Swamp

Simpson County Academy—*Educator: Nancy Love*

Kallye Smith	Short Story	Angels Save, Right?
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Southern Baptist Education Center—*Educator: Kaley Humble*

Lilly Hunt	Short Story	Yellow Ladybug
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Southern Baptist Education Center—*Educator: Cathy Smith*

Austin Smith

Personal Essay/Memoir

Painting a Picture With Music

Silver Key Winners

Armstrong Middle School—*Educator: Nicole Dozier*

Izak Hanson

Short Story

Diamond Jim

Chris Lockett

Personal Essay/Memoir

How Sports Changed My Life

Kyran Williams-Roberts

Personal Essay/Memoir

Uprising

Germantown High School—*Educator: Jamie Dickson*

Hanna Watson

Poetry

The Girl in the Boat

Germantown Middle School—*Educator: Bonita Mendenhall*

John Murray McCullough

Short Story

Mission To Mars

Harrison Central High School—*Educator: Larry Willis*

Caitlyn Beachamp

Short Story

Perfect World

Homeschool—*Educator: Rebecca Gresham*

Sierra Gresham

Poetry

Chromosomes

Poetry

Mother Nature

Jackson Preparatory School—*Educator: Paul Smith*

Hannah Herrin

Poetry

Fragments

Poetry

On Self-Crucifixion/ For a Past Lover
on His Twentieth Birthday

Poetry

In Other Words, I'm Lying

Poetry

Martha

Poetry

I Don't Write Confessional Poetry,
Sometime We Still Break

Poetry

Birthmark/ How Ghosts Were
Invented/ In Defense of Hating
Poetry

William Leech

Poetry

Childhood Memories

Brianne Powers

Poetry

Favorite Birthday

Lamar School—*Educator: Kathryn Scarbrough*

MyKiya Oliver

Short Story

Louise Freeman

Madison Middle School—*Educator: Sunny McCullough*

Haley Gall

Personal Essay/Memoir

New Infinity

Tyron Maysami

Science Fiction/Fantasy

Dr. Victor Frankenstein

Mississippi School for Math & Science—*Educator: Emma Richardson*

Griffin Emerson	Poetry	Waiting; Janitor
Laurel Lancaster	Personal Essay/Memoir	Angels Wear Aprons
Michelle Li	Poetry	Beggar Man, Candy Wrappers, Walmart, Ballerina, Dear Sister
Summar McGee	Poetry	Pickin' Day
Reagan Poston	Poetry	Brother Knows Best; The Disease; A Thesaurus Entry for Stiffness; The Weight of Our Parents' Tears; Pastel
Makayla Raby	Poetry	Trade; Aide; Skin and Bones
Wrishija Roy	Poetry	Carry On; Red Wedding; Paramergency; Out of Sight, Mind Adrift
Haydn Schroader	Personal Essay/Memoir Poetry	Best Advice Like Oak Trees, The Color of Sunshine, My Mother Kills Plants, Puppet
Carly Sneed	Poetry	A Request for Help to Vincent van Gogh; Dancing on the Factor Floor

Mississippi School for the Arts—*Educator: Jeanne Lebow*

Aerial Adams	Flash Fiction Short Story Poetry	The Blues New Beginnings Philosophy
Shiloh Alexander	Flash Fiction Humor	Snirt On the Dangers of Being Too British
Vernell Allen	Poetry	Colorblind
Faith Cavalier	Poetry Poetry	Poems for My Family Based on You
Erykah Drone	Short Story Short Story	Reapproaching the Past Healing
John Hollins	Short Story	Concealed
Drea Jefferson	Poetry Flash Fiction	Black Ash on the Petals
Dawson Johnson	Flash Fiction Poetry	Burning Faith Solitaire

Mississippi School for the Arts—*Educator: Jeanne Lebow*

Kelsey King	Flash Fiction	Handful
Ashley Lang	Poetry Flash Fiction	Firm Save the Date
Sydney Lucero	Personal Essay/Memoir Flash Fiction Flash Fiction	(Your Name Here) Seven Octobers in a Hotel Finalé
Christopher Melton	Science Fiction/Fantasy Flash Fiction Poetry Science Fiction/Fantasy	Social Moths Blind Bloom Paper Pillars
Jessica Moore	Poetry Short Story	Sunshower; I Don't Mind; Birds of Paradise The Sally Type
Christian Reynolds	Flash Fiction Personal Essay/Memoir	Boy Clothes Brotherly Love
Amelia Stanford	Poetry	a city's sole
Elly Fae Williams	Humor Poetry Humor Poetry	Shakespurr's New Friends Further the Silver Bullet, Asphalt, Light Pollution Shroomz Flight
Isabel Williams	Poetry	The Ballad of Thomas Busby

Murrah High School—*Educator: Sarah Ballard*

Lauren Allen	Personal Essay/Memoir	Either Way
Joseph Neyland	Flash Fiction	The Tutor
Amirrah Watson	Poetry Critical Essay Critical Essay	"Having a Milkshake with You" (as Inspired by Frank O'Hara's "Having a Coke with You") "Valuing Rehabilitation Over Retribution in the United States Criminal Justice System" "Contra to Same Gender Classrooms"

Murrah High School—*Educator: Lynn Schneider*

Lauren Allen	Journalism	And the Wheels Turn
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Northwest Rankin High School—*Educator: Cindy Christian*

Flint Christian	Personal Essay/Memoir	Don't Stop Believing
Reagan Moak	Journalism	A Juror's Journal
Tress Risinger	Personal Essay/Memoir	Jolly Happy Soul
Guzman Romero	Poetry	Irony

Northwest Rankin High School—*Educator: Lisa Feroben*

Yousef Abu-Salah	Poetry	The Forgotten
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Oak Grove Middle School—*Educator: Aimee Piland*

Jed Guin	Poetry	Technology Addiction
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Ocean Springs High School—*Educator: Tonya Hays*

Cayson Miles	Dramatic Script	Emily
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Pass Christian High School—*Educator: Jennifer Butler*

Carrington Brown	Poetry	Brown
Shelby Clark	Flash Fiction	The Drive

Rosa Scott High School—*Educator: Rebecca Kirk*

Mary Boyte	Short Story	The Pocket Watch
Hannah Davis	Short Story	The Story of Alice
Zachary Diaz	Personal Essay/Memoir	You Will Always Be Remembered
Sarah Johns	Personal Essay/Memoir	A Hike Up Mount Douglas
Elle Muirhead	Personal Essay/Memoir	If It's What They Tell You
Amy Pang	Poetry	More Than This
Macie Railsback	Poetry	Call us Crazy, How Bad do you Want It?
Sydney Storm	Poetry	Howard, High School
Michael Zhang	Personal Essay/Memoir	A Lesson to Be Remembered

Rosa Scott High School—*Educator: Jamison Pound*

Sarah Hall	Poetry	Demons
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Sacred Heart Catholic School—*Educator: Mike Tebo*

Mackenzie Brown	Personal Essay/Memoir	Just Like Me
Caleb Robinson	Personal Essay/Memoir	Inefficacy of Deliberation

Sophie Osborne	Personal Essay/Memoir	Five
Southern Baptist Education Center— <i>Educator: Kaley Humble</i>		
Lilly Hunt	Short Story Short Story	Love and Other Extreme Sports Coffee
St. Aloysius High School— <i>Educator: Dani Kay Thomas</i>		
Victoria Gong	Flash Fiction	The Window
St. Andrew's Episcopal School— <i>Educator: Taylor Kitchings</i>		
Dajaina Martin	Poetry	HELP.
Starkville High School— <i>Educator: Andrew Lark</i>		
CiCi Zhang	Personal Essay/Memoir	S-I-S-T-E-R

Honorable Mention Winners

Amory High School— <i>Educator: Mary Beth Chambers</i>		
Lauren Alford	Short Story	Two Sides to Every Killer
Armstrong Middle School— <i>Educator: Nicole Dozier</i>		
Rachel Adair	Poetry	Clear
Catherine Li	Flash Fiction	A Little Reminder
Kari Oppedal	Science Fiction/Fantasy	Reject
Grant Peterson	Poetry	Saturday's Rain
Clayton Roberts	Science Fiction/Fantasy	2077
Makayla Smith	Personal Essay/Memoir	Wake Up
Kyra Warnock	Poetry	Flying
Cathedral School— <i>Educator: Jean Biglane</i>		
Emily Hootsell	Critical Essay	Orwell's Predictions Correct
Clinton Christian Academy— <i>Educator: Jerri Myers</i>		
Valeria Brown	Poetry	The Path We All Venture upon
Corey Davis	Short Story	The Cleanup Crew
Clinton High School— <i>Educator: Krista Lowe</i>		
Audrey Pilgrim	Poetry	Deprivation and Destruction
Corinth High School— <i>Educator: Gennella Graham</i>		
Cole Dansie	Personal Essay/Memoir	Kentucky Fried Blessings
Crystal Springs Middle School— <i>Educator: Erica Perry</i>		

Harley Cole	Short Story	Taint
Florence High School— <i>Educator: Reghan Corley</i>		
Carlee Edwards	Science Fiction/Fantasy	Esse Tenebris
Germantown High School— <i>Educator: Jamie Dickson</i>		
Hanna Watson	Poetry	The Wall
Germantown Middle School— <i>Educator: Bonita Mendenhall</i>		
Katherine Marsh	Short Story	The One Verdict
Harrison Central High School— <i>Educator: Larry Willis</i>		
Caitlyn Beachamp	Short Story Flash Fiction	Session How to Survive
Homeschool— <i>Educator: Rebecca Gresham</i>		
Sierra Gresham	Poetry	My Father's Faith
Homeschool— <i>Educator: Melanie Plum</i>		
Flannery Plum	Poetry	A Home That's Not a House
Jackson Academy— <i>Educator: Katharine Todd</i>		
Ariel Hayes	Poetry	Blue Neighbourhood
Jackson Preparatory School— <i>Educator: Paul Smith</i>		
Tommie Jo Barnett	Poetry Poetry	Concrete Cravings August Heat
Camille Grady	Poetry Short Story	Gold Ecstasy To Be Read After The Wedding
Hannah Herrin	Poetry Poetry Short Story Poetry	Glittered Parks Bird Journal Raised
William Leech	Short Story	Living Room
Madeleine Porter	Poetry Poetry Poetry	Trenches Jester Chill, Lifetimes
Brianne Powers	Poetry	Habits
Jewels Tauzin	Poetry Poetry Poetry	Halfway Nearly Sometime Soon
Jefferson Middle School— <i>Educator: Marshall Wall</i>		

Amanda Catherine Shields	Science Fiction/Fantasy	An Echo of Nothing
Madison Central High School— <i>Educator: Monica Johnson</i>		
Sarah Flurry	Short Story	A Moment in Time
Madison Central High School— <i>Educator: Laura Miller</i>		
Maddie Gall	Poetry Humor	Think Only Downtown
Madison Central High School— <i>Educator: Monica Johnson</i>		
Corban Woodward	Science Fiction/Fantasy	Coven
Emily Zhang	Critical Essay Personal Essay/Memoir	Symbolism in William Golding’s Lord of the Flies Mississippi Mathlete
Madison Middle School— <i>Educator: Sunny McCullough</i>		
Erica Chmielewski	Personal Essay/Memoir	Smile
Caleb Meadows	Science Fiction/Fantasy	The 5th Dimension
Jalin Rice	Poetry	My Principal
Brianna Williams	Flash Fiction	Overachiever
Mississippi School for Math & Science— <i>Educator: Emma Richardson</i>		
Allison Brown	Personal Essay/Memoir	The Best Advice
Sherisse Joy Carino	Poetry	My Neighbor the Art Collector, Good Luck, Little Roommates, Watching for My Baby Sister
Landry Filce	Poetry	Extra Credit; Hairspray and Popcorn
Zoe Fowler	Poetry	Prima Ballerina, The Way She Looks, Along the Water, Colors of an Ordinary Life
Haley Grant	Poetry	The Overlook; PawPaw; White; Princess; Bellow Zero
Laurel Lancaster	Short Story Poetry	The Intern The Four Seasons
Summar McGee	Poetry	A Carat for Abdul
Jalen Perry	Poetry	The Colonel
Carly Sneed	Poetry	Freedom in Her Tennis Shoes, Tobacco and Tornadoes
Tiana Spivey	Personal Essay/Memoir	Best-Case Scenario

Mississippi School for the Arts—*Educator: Jeanne Lebow*

Aerial Adams	Poetry Poetry	Living in the Past Hai
Shiloh Alexander	Poetry Humor	Space Poems A Reflection on Shadows
Vernell Allen	Short Story Dramatic Script	The Return Thicker than Water
Faith Cavalier	Humor Short Story Flash Fiction Poetry	217 Miles Multiples of Five What November Brings Nature Poems
Erykah Drone	Poetry	Collection Two
John Hollins	Flash Fiction Personal Essay/Memoir	Inside Footloose
Drea Jefferson	Short Story	Scorched Roses
Kelsey King	Short Story Flash Fiction Humor	Episodes A Day for Daisies Eyes Closed
Claire Kinnell	Poetry	Who you gonna call? ect.
Ashley Lang	Poetry Poetry Poetry Flash Fiction Writing Portfolio	who are you Interrogation Humbled Perfection Best of Wishes What is Black?
Sydney Lucero	Poetry	Variance
Jessica Moore	Dramatic Script	Dollar Sign
Cayla Morgan	Poetry	After 2 Artists
Christian Reynolds	Short Story	Scrap Metal
Amelia Stanford	Poetry	subway text
Elly Fae Williams	Poetry Poetry Flash Fiction Flash Fiction Poetry	Pink Collar Ghetto Chameleons Washing Machine Christmas Party Flames

Murrah High School—*Educator: Sarah Ballard*

Lauren Allen	Poetry Personal Essay/Memoir	I am 17 Tilt
Joseph Neyland	Poetry Poetry Poetry Flash Fiction Flash Fiction Flash Fiction	Abstract Alliance I: Life-Death Math Inertia The Trek The Woods The Breach
Amirrah Watson	Critical Essay	"Providing sustainable energy to those living in poverty"

New Albany High School—*Educator: Kathy Ball*

Kara Balentine	Poetry	Washed Away
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Northwest Rankin High School—*Educator: Cindy Christian*

Flint Christian	Humor	Bro'd Up
Tyler Kersh	Personal Essay/Memoir Journalism	Pure Emotion Are Athletes Really Jocks?
Reagan Moak	Personal Essay/Memoir Critical Essay	Three Little Words The Cheerleaders
Guzman Romero	Poetry	Canibal Light
Zoe Thaw	Personal Essay/Memoir	April 15, 2012

Pass Christian High School—*Educator: Jennifer Butler*

Caleigh Ball	Personal Essay/Memoir	Moving
Teaisha Henderson	Personal Essay/Memoir	No Homework
Gerald Jones	Poetry	From Tiffany And Gerald

Rosa Scott High School—*Educator: Rebecca Kirk*

Georgia Blanchard	Short Story	Night in the Stars
Zyun Crockett	Poetry Poetry	Road of Life Night
Alaina Edwards	Poetry	Tears that define me
Anna Francis	Critical Essay	Abortion Abolishment
Sarah Hall	Poetry	Sanity

Cade Harrison	Flash Fiction	Burning Road
Rosa Scott High School— <i>Educator: Rebecca Kirk</i>		
William Lam	Poetry	Departure
Jasmine Martin	Poetry	Life of a Teenager
Anna Leigh Montgomery	Poetry	More, Friends
Amy Pang	Short Story	It's a Roaring Life
Emily Rhea	Personal Essay/Memoir	My ACL Story
Kaitlyn Sills	Short Story Poetry	The Summer I Changed My Mind The Lesson
Bailey Wood	Humor	A Not So Accurate Telling of The Phantom of the Opera
Andrew Zhang	Flash Fiction	Flying Low
Sacred Heart Catholic School— <i>Educator: Mike Tebo</i>		
Gaby Calderon	Personal Essay/Memoir	Night Ride
Courtney Neal	Personal Essay/Memoir	Answered Prayer
Sarah Pierce	Personal Essay/Memoir	Moments
Shaw High School— <i>Educator: Raven Causey</i>		
Carmeneisha Stallings	Personal Essay/Memoir Poetry	Is It Money Or Me The Mind Of A Muslim Girl
St. Andrew's Episcopal School— <i>Educator: Taylor Kitchings</i>		
Dajaina Martin	Short Story	MIRRORED.
Emma McNeel	Poetry	Odes to the Ocean