

2021 MISSISSIPPI SCHOLASTIC WRITING AWARDS WINNERS

AMERICAN VOICES NOMINEES

Faith Bradford	<i>Entry 49: 2073</i> - Science Fiction/Fantasy	MS School for Math & Science
Alana Brown-Davis	<i>The Brownie Recipe</i> - Flash Fiction	South Pike High School
Maleigh Crespo	<i>S.O.S. (Saving Ourselves)</i> - Poetry	MS School of the Arts
Lily Hale	<i>Once, in Full</i> - Short Story	Pontotoc Junior High School
Rooks Russell	<i>Miracle</i> - Novel Writing	Northwest Rankin High School

SENIOR PORTFOLIO WINNERS

Emmory Bridges	Gold Key - <i>Scribbly Sacraments</i>	Germantown High School
Maleigh Crespo	Silver Key - <i>To be a Woman</i>	MS School of the Arts
Shayla Drzycimski	Silver Key - <i>The Air Between the Stars</i>	Germantown High School
Hannah Hays	Silver Key - <i>Works From the Heart</i>	MS School of the Arts
Reed Lindsey	Silver Key - <i>Mississippi's Shooting Stars Bring Change</i>	Booneville High School
Morgan Love	Silver Key - <i>Realms of Her Mind</i>	MS School of the Arts
Azya Lyons	Silver Key - <i>Black and Beauty</i>	MS School of the Arts
Connor Monaghan	Silver Key - <i>Inquiry, Belief, & Elucidation: Human Identity</i>	Amory High School
Caroline Prewitt	Silver Key - <i>In Earnest</i>	Lamar School
Shelby Tisdale	Silver Key - <i>This Cratered Road</i>	MS School for Math & Science
Catherine Carter	Honorable Mention - <i>Dreamed Up and Dreamt Of</i>	Northwest Rankin High School
Jaylin Jones	Honorable Mention - <i>Penned In Morning Shadow</i>	MS School for Math & Science
Azya Lyons	Honorable Mention - <i>My All</i>	MS School of the Arts
Callie Matthews	Honorable Mention - <i>Indulging in the Flavors of Existence</i>	MS School of the Arts
Stephyne Weathersby	Honorable Mention - <i>Fallen Souls</i>	MS School of the Arts

GOLD KEY WINNERS

Home School – <i>Educator: Jerusha Bosarge</i>		
Emelia Bosarge	Poetry	<i>Lotus</i>
Jackson Academy – <i>Educator: Katharine Todd</i>		
Lucy Elfert	Personal Essay/Memoir	<i>Anxiety's Story</i>
Lamar School – <i>Educator: Jamie Ransier</i>		
Isabella Gray	Poetry	<i>growth</i>
Ahmed Pasha	Personal Essay/Memoir	<i>Personal Essay</i>
Svanik Ravi	Critical Essay	<i>Leadership</i>
Betsy Suarez	Personal Essay/Memoir	<i>The Untold Story Behind Work</i>
Madison Central High School – <i>Educator: Garrett Biggs</i>		
Sarah Shurden	Short Story	<i>Salt</i>
Madison Middle School – <i>Educator: Lakeisha Corley</i>		
Emily Jia	Short Story	<i>Tina</i>
MS School for Math & Science – <i>Educator: Thomas Richardson</i>		
Faith Bradford	Science Fiction/Fantasy	<i>Entry 49: 2073</i>
Blake Cheater	Personal Essay/Memoir	<i>Mississippi Twilights</i>
Vidhi Patel	Personal Essay/Memoir	<i>Identity Crisis</i>
Gracie Rowland	Flash Fiction	<i>Are You Happy</i>
Shelby Tisdale	Poetry	<i>At the Southside Baptist Church Celebrate Recovery Meeting, 2014; Baptist Hospital, 2020; Exodus; Woodworking with Ashes</i>
Muneebah Umar	Critical Essay	<i>Loss of Innocence as present in "Blackberry-Picking"; The King, a prince among movies</i>
MS School of the Arts – <i>Educator: Clinnesha Sibley</i>		
Maleigh Crespo	Poetry	<i>de colores; S.O.S. (Saving Ourselves)</i>
Morgan Love	Personal Essay/Memoir	<i>Growth Lives Inside of Me</i>
Azya Lyons	Personal Essay/Memoir	<i>FGWDGAF</i>
Callie Matthews	Personal Essay/Memoir	<i>Hope in Orange Peelings</i>
	Poetry	<i>To the Sky; A Shift in Sanctuary</i>
Lauren Stamps	Flash Fiction	<i>Midnight by the Pearl</i>
	Personal Essay/Memoir	<i>You Can Take as Much Time as You Need.</i>
Stephyne Weathersby	Dramatic Script	<i>The Color of Love</i>
	Flash Fiction	<i>Madam Dulane</i>
Murrah High School – <i>Educator: Sarah Ballard</i>		
Ladorian Shelton	Poetry	<i>Fears</i>

GOLD KEY WINNERS continued

Northwest Rankin High School – *Educator: April Carter*

Catherine Carter	Personal Essay/Memoir
Rooks Russell	Novel Writing
	Poetry

Lofty
Masters; Miracle
To Winter

Northwest Rankin Middle School – *Educator: Lynn Clark*

Shannon Lea	Critical Essay
Morghan Winters	Poetry

Colorism in the Black Community
It's Ordinary, but It's Me

Petal High School – *Educator: Crystal Giles*

Kristen Barrett	Critical Essay
Wyatt Carter	Poetry

Leviathan's Relevance
Ultimum Utilitatem

Picayune Memorial High School – *Educator: Tina Collier*

Kaitlin Bennett	Personal Essay/Memoir
	Short Story

Live to See a Locker
The Shell; The Year the Corn Died

Pontotoc Junior High School – *Educator: Gina Bramlitt*

Lily Hale	Poetry
	Short Story

Covid
Once, in Full

South Pike High School – *Educator: Sadia Hassan*

Alana Brown-Davis	Flash Fiction
	Poetry

The Brownie Recipe
Burial: A Gogyokha to Victims of COVID-19;
Icarus's Soliloquy

Power APAC – *Educator: Sarah Ballard*

Dorianne Hines	Poetry
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SILVER KEY WINNERS

Cathedral School - *Educator: Jean Biglane*

Annalyce Riley	Journalism
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Linking Livestock to Climate Change

Germantown High School - *Educator: Jamie Dickson*

Emmory Bridges	Poetry
Shayla Drzycimski	Flash Fiction
Dawn Munro	Poetry

Mama Earth
Ink and Pictures
past, present, what might have been

Jackson Academy - *Educator: Katharine Todd*

Caroline Redman	Flash Fiction
	Poetry
	Short Story
Natalie Turner	Personal Essay/Memoir

A Pirate's War
Forgotten Childhood
Flynn Gallagher: Swashbuckling Rogue
Nike

SILVER KEY WINNERS continued

Jackson Preparatory School - *Educator: Sarah Atkinson*
Maggie Birdsall Poetry

The Lonely Man

Jackson Preparatory School - *Educator: Paul Smith*
Kennedy Maloney Poetry
Belle Grace Wilkinson Poetry

Jewish Sunrise
Morning Thoughts in a Dusty Room

Lamar School - *Educator: Jamie Ransier*
Elizabeth Scott Bond Personal Essay/Memoir
Jaemin Byeon Critical Essay
Abby Cope Personal Essay/Memoir
Wyatt Davidson Personal Essay/Memoir
Samuel Hall Flash Fiction
Hannah Hannington Critical Essay
Ali Rowland Critical Essay
Maggie Triplett Personal Essay/Memoir

Control Freak
The World We Live In
Portfolio
Extra Credit
The Mirror
A Diseased Ridden Denmark
Sin is in the Eye of the Beholder
Gunsmoke and Bear-Hugs

Madison Central High School - *Educator: Laura Miller*
Rebecca Mozingo Poetry

See

Madison Central High School - *Educator: Garrett Biggs*
Sarah Shurden Flash Fiction
Short Story

Oak Avenue
Seconds More; Yellow Stretchers, Plastic Flowers

Madison Central High School - *Educator: Rebecca Temple*
Julia Van Lake Journalism

The Smelly Battery

MS School for Math & Science - *Educator: Thomas Richardson*
Luke Bowles Journalism

Are US Drone Strikes The Solution To Terrorism Or Simply Mass Murder?;
Mississippi's Racist Political Legacy And How We Can Change It; MSMS seniors split on affirmative action; Oklahoma, Texas
Reveal Nationwide Problem With Racial Bias
Welcome to Cherrytree Island
Bullet Factory
Wall Street Corn Field
Berossus' Account of the Hanging Gardens
After Spending Two Years in the City, 582 B.C.; Leather Bound and Lost
Dust
Mississippi schools should have handled reopenings amidst COVID-19 better
We need a stronger emphasis on computer science education in Mississippi
A Sense of Place; Taekwondo

Faith Bradford Personal Essay/Memoir
Poetry
Blake Cheater Flash Fiction
Poetry

Nicholas Djedjos/ Science Fiction/Fantasy
Vineeth Vanga Journalism
Nicholas Djedjos Journalism
Personal Essay/Memoir

SILVER KEY WINNERS continued

MS School for Math & Science - *Educator: Thomas Richardson*

Jaylin Jones	Personal Essay/Memoir	<i>In Memoriam; Nowhere, Nothing; Out of Frame</i>
Raeed Kabir	Personal Essay/Memoir	<i>Connected by Existence, Unlinked by Man</i>
Leslie Lewis	Poetry	<i>Home</i>
	Science Fiction/Fantasy	<i>The Day the Devil Bleeds</i>
Vidhi Patel	Poetry	<i>"Land of the Free and Home of the Brave" to a Second-Gen Immigrant</i>
Mason Pettit	Personal Essay/Memoir	<i>Why Didn't I Do Something?</i>
Gracie Rowland	Flash Fiction	<i>Twelve</i>
	Personal Essay/Memoir	<i>Not Your Manic Pixie Dream Girl; Punisher</i>
	Poetry	<i>Antidote; Vivien Leigh: A Self Portrait of a Bipolar Woman</i>
Emma Spinks	Personal Essay/Memoir	<i>Death's Color</i>
	Poetry	<i>Love Letter to My Muse</i>
Shelby Tisdale	Flash Fiction	<i>The Turkey Vultures</i>
	Poetry	<i>Elegy for the Smaller Person Inside of Me; From This Side of Heaven; Ephemera; Thirty-Three Thirty Lanell</i>
	Short Story	<i>The Homeless Man's Funeral</i>
Muneebah Umar	Critical Essay	<i>Emily Dickinson's clear mental illness as seen in her poetry</i>
Jessica Yan	Critical Essay	<i>The need to be green — Suspending recycling programs in the midst of a pandemic</i>
Amy Zhang	Humor	<i>Jeremiah Split</i>
	Personal Essay/Memoir	<i>Cotton T-Shirt Confusion</i>

MS School for the Blind - *Educator: Gloria McDuffy*

Obruche Carson	Personal Essay/Memoir	<i>A Day I Will Never Forget</i>
Torrence Peterson	Science Fiction/Fantasy	<i>The Epiphany Of The Blue & Red Eyed Menace</i>
Meka Willis	Short Story	<i>Amethyst Eyes</i>

MS School of the Arts - *Educator: Clinnesha Sibley*

Brianna Cox	Flash Fiction	<i>Woman</i>
	Poetry	<i>I Forgive Myself, But I Don't Forgive You</i>
Maleigh Crespo	Journalism	<i>Research and Reflections of a Mixed Girl in Mississippi: White Privilege, Colorism, & Affirmative Action</i>
	Poetry	<i>Fat Girl Rejected; Flowers Beneath the Bell; Life As We Know It; Sum of my Parts; To the Men Who...</i>
	Short Story	<i>Dear Fat Girl</i>
Hannah Hays	Poetry	<i>Natural Remedies</i>
Sydney Knotts	Poetry	<i>Inscriptions of an Illusory Inamorato, a sestina</i>
Taylor Lafayette	Poetry	<i>Brown</i>
Morgan Love	Dramatic Script	<i>The Week After</i>
	Personal Essay/Memoir	<i>Never Let Your Crown Fall</i>
	Short Story	<i>Death of Fear; The Feast of Winston</i>

SILVER KEY WINNERS continued

MS School of the Arts - *Educator: Clinnesha Sibley*

Azya Lyons Dramatic Script
Flash Fiction
Poetry

Callie Matthews Flash Fiction
Novel Writing
Poetry

Short Story

Diego Mendez Short Story

Katie Spiers Flash Fiction

Poetry

Stephyne Weathersby Dramatic Script

Poetry

Short Story

Madison White Flash Fiction

To Tha Ends Of Tha Earth

Boy; Moonlight On Her Sunlight

*Take A Walk; The Slave's Prayer; You Were
Good To Me*

Raccoon Eyes in the Pink Room

Layers of Uncertainty

Love and Its Flavors; Poems About a

*Pandemic; So Many Flavors; Staring at the
Foothills of Existence*

*Reign of the Black Death; The Unexpected
Betrayal of Pizza Delivery*

Time's Game

Peeling Colors

Every Night; Shape Sorter

Liberty; The Mother of Struggle

Not All Black Birds Are Crows

The Residents Beneath the Soil of the Earth

Elephant

Murrah High School - *Educator: Sarah Ballard*

Taylor Moore Poetry

Ladorian Shelton Critical Essay

Personal Essay/Memoir

Poetry

Short Story

Jayden Woullard Critical Essay

Joy

*Mister Miracle: An Escape From What is
Why Do I Write?*

Ink; My Skin is Black; Sinful Shells

In The Beginning; Until The End

*The Effects of Abortion Laws on Women; The
Ethicality and Effects of Distracted Driving;*

*The Poisonwood Bible Literary Analysis;
Societal Views on Male Depression*

Northwest Rankin High School - *Educator: Kristin Scott*

Madelyn Berry Personal Essay/Memoir

Dear Past Me

Northwest Rankin High School - *Educator: April Carter*

Olivia Compton Poetry

Rooks Russell Novel Writing

Poetry

Emily Rutland Humor

Short Story

Skylar Smith Poetry

A Path of Self-Discovery

The Daydream Hotel

Magic Eyes and Magic Heart

What the Sweet?

Passing Neon Lights

Ode to Green Eyes; Oregon

Northwest Rankin High School - *Educator: Cindy Christian*

Maury Cooper Personal Essay/Memoir

Claudia Kimbrell Personal Essay/Memoir

Murphy Lemon Personal Essay/Memoir

Yellow Walls

My Woman, My Woman, My Wife

Flash Flood of Memories

SILVER KEY WINNERS continued

Northwest Rankin High School - *Educator: Cindy Christian*

Calum Palmer	Personal Essay/Memoir
Elizabeth Ratliff	Critical Essay
Jasmine Walker	Personal Essay/Memoir

Sometimes Blood Isn't Thicker Than Water
Have You No Choice?
Trials of Faith

Northwest Rankin Middle School - *Educator: Lynn Clark*

Elizabeth Allen	Poetry
Elizabeth Bankston	Poetry
Anna Lauren Calvert	Personal Essay/Memoir
Drew Gressett	Poetry
Samson Kassahun	Poetry
Kyera Lane	Poetry
Olivia Massey	Poetry
McCalip May	Poetry
Collin McBeth	Journalism
Grace Wallis	Poetry

Two names, One Identity
Hands
Epilepsy
Cat in the Keyhole
It's Basic, Not Simple
Room
The 1800s Name
The Storm
Virtual Reality is the Future of Humanity
What a Wonderful Name

Oxford High School - *Educator: Katherine Brown*

Norah Bruce	Flash Fiction
	Poetry

War Upon Us All
The Mountains Stand Tall

Petal High School - *Educator: Crystal Giles*

Niko Amaro	Poetry
Jordan Cobb	Personal Essay/Memoir
Brady Gill	Critical Essay
	Personal Essay/Memoir
Raven Graves	Poetry
Andric Knott	Personal Essay/Memoir
Loren Wade	Critical Essay

Distant Admiration
What If?
Redemption; Ruling as Machiavellian
Flight of Passage
"Normals" Overrated
Take the Shot Kid!
Crime and Punishment Analysis

Picayune Memorial High School - *Educator: Tina Collier*

Kaitlin Bennett	Short Story
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Parting Advice for My Past Self

Piney Woods School - *Educator: Christopher Robinson*

Shandrell Brown	Poetry
Maurice Hunter	Poetry
Kareem Lillie	Poetry
Aayden Ray	Poetry

Changes: An Excuse to My Unhappiness
I Am +
Little Did I Know; Meditation On A Moving Lake
The Left Side Of The Road

Pisgah High School - *Educator: Beth McKay*

Heaven Alvarado	Poetry
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Achromatism

Power APAC - *Educator: Sarah Ballard*

Dorianne Hines	Poetry
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SILVER KEY WINNERS continued

St. Andrew's Episcopal School - <i>Educator: Ruth Holmes</i>		
Advikaa Anand	Personal Essay/Memoir	<i>I Am Never Alone With You, Fiction.</i>
	Poetry	<i>An Ode to Ophelia</i>
	Short Story	<i>Red Lipstick</i>
St. Andrew's Episcopal School - <i>Educator: Carolyn Brown</i>		
Isabella Flores	Critical Essay	<i>Hamlet and Horatio in the Marvel Universe</i>
Vicksburg Catholic School - <i>Educator: Dani Kay Thomas</i>		
Anna Lamanilao	Personal Essay/Memoir	<i>Brave</i>

HONORABLE MENTION WINNERS

Bay High School - <i>Educator: Renee Hamm</i>		
Sadie Pohl	Short Story	<i>Nothing</i>
Booneville High School - <i>Educator: Terry King</i>		
Reed Lindsey	Journalism	<i>Nurturing Nyotah</i>
Germantown High School - <i>Educator: Jamie Dickson</i>		
Shayla Drzycimski	Poetry	<i>Last</i>
	Short Story	<i>Home</i>
Jackson Academy - <i>Educator: Katharine Todd</i>		
Lucy Elfert	Dramatic Script	<i>Therapy Thursday</i>
Addie Elliott	Flash Fiction	<i>Mr. Shelby's Library</i>
Elena Roberts	Flash Fiction	<i>Have a Holly Jolly Christmas</i>
Kate White	Flash Fiction	<i>The End</i>
	Poetry	<i>When I Remember This Life</i>
Jackson Preparatory School - <i>Educator: Paul Smith</i>		
Ainslee Johnson	Poetry	<i>I'm Tired and Zoned Out Looking Out the Window; Truffles</i>
Kennedy Maloney	Poetry	<i>Writer's Block; Youth vs. Wisdom</i>
Belle Grace Wilkinson	Poetry	<i>Honey; The Idol of a Nine-Year-Old</i>
Lamar School - <i>Educator: Jamie Ransier</i>		
Ward Adams	Personal Essay/Memoir	<i>Gains</i>
James McBrayer	Poetry	<i>Not Your Enemy</i>
Jackson Morgan	Critical Essay	<i>Chillingworth's Demise</i>
Lewisburg Middle School - <i>Educator: Tabitha Green</i>		
Ayaana Showkat	Novel Writing	<i>The Zombie Girl Attacks</i>

HONORABLE MENTION WINNERS continued

Madison Central High School - *Educator: Garrett Biggs*

Sarah Shurden

Short Story

The Pied Piper's Call

MS School for Math & Science - *Educator: Thomas Richardson*

Faith Bradford

Poetry

My Mind - a Magician

Jaylin Jones

Poetry

Two Poems

Gracie Rowland

Poetry

Love Letter to Death; Orange Bottles

Emma Spinks

Poetry

A Series of InstaPoems

Shelby Tisdale

Flash Fiction

Outstanding

Personal Essay/Memoir

Soul Science

Poetry

Portrait of the Beetles on the Kitchen Floor

Muneebah Umar

Journalism

Alumni reflect on how well MSMS prepares graduates for higher education

Amanda Zhou

Poetry

Ballet de Cour

MS School of the Arts - *Educator: Clinnesha Sibley*

Brianna Cox

Poetry

I Am Here; Sunlight On Her Skin

Maleigh Crespo

Critical Essay

How Celebrating Halloween Can Help Heal the World; Is Transracial Adoption Ethical?

Journalism

Hang In There, Baby; The Life & Legacy of Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Lillian Denney

Flash Fiction

The Awakening

Personal Essay/Memoir

Disabled

Hannah Hays

Poetry

Abuse is your Party Trick; August's Bitter Wrath

Sydney Knotts

Critical Essay

The Issue of Performative Activism

Flash Fiction

Relinquish

Personal Essay/Memoir

The Remnants of Our Lives

Morgan Love

Flash Fiction

Indian Dating Show

Poetry

A Generational Love; Spoken Through Glass

Azya Lyons

Flash Fiction

Open Letter To Young Victims of Abuse

Callie Matthews

Poetry

Reclaiming the Soil You Sprouted From

Science Fiction/Fantasy

Beneath Gourmet Gulch

Diego Mendez

Short Story

Trouble in Ikea

Katie Spiers

Poetry

beautiful circle of life; perfection in reality

Lauren Stamps

Flash Fiction

Marigolds with Circuited Stems

Science Fiction/Fantasy

Mabeltown

Stephyne Weathersby

Flash Fiction

The Pattern to Me

Personal Essay/Memoir

Forgive Yourself

Madison White

Dramatic Script

Whining in the Cellar

Flash Fiction

Stars at the Dock

HONORABLE MENTION WINNERS continued

Murrah High School - *Educator: Sarah Ballard*

Maya McFadden	Short Story
Taylor Moore	Poetry
Ladorian Shelton	Science Fiction/Fantasy Short Story

Kore; A Thank You Letter
Freedom
Chapter 1: The Monkey's Paw
Crying Wolf

Northwest Rankin High School - *Educator: Cindy Christian*

Titus Barber	Personal Essay/Memoir
Anna-Lewis Bryant	Critical Essay
Bailey Heimer	Personal Essay/Memoir
Elizabeth Ratliff	Personal Essay/Memoir
Emma Sells	Personal Essay/Memoir
Jasmine Walker	Personal Essay/Memoir
Parks Webb	Personal Essay/Memoir

Blood Up My Nose
How Men We Reaped made me weep.
Fears
A Bottle of Joy
Christmas Memories
Courage is Ugly
Leaving my Comfort Zone

Northwest Rankin High School - *Educator: April Carter*

Catherine Carter	Critical Essay Poetry
Rooks Russell	Novel Writing
Emily Rutland	Poetry

True Romantics
Of Living, Outliving, and Family Resemblance
Memories
Ceramic Cats, In The Shower, I will not Rhyme
with Stick

Northwest Rankin Middle School - *Educator: Lynn Clark*

Carter Dawson	Personal Essay/Memoir
Aundreynia Nguyen	Science Fiction/Fantasy
Carlee Tubbs	Personal Essay/Memoir

Glass Creature
2046
Failure, A Part of Life

Petal High School - *Educator: Crystal Giles*

Elaina Booker	Personal Essay/Memoir
Jordan Stianche	Critical Essay
Loren Wade	Personal Essay/Memoir
Justin Yee	Science Fiction/Fantasy

How to Give a Little Old Lady a Heart Attack
Analysis of Ishmael Beah's A Long Way Gone
Wild West Memoir
Takeover

South Pike High School - *Educator: Sadia Hassan*

Alana Brown-Davis	Flash Fiction
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Sparrows

St. Andrew's Episcopal School - *Educator: Ruth Holmes*

Advikaa Anand	Poetry Short Story
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Melt into the Moon
Burning in Winter