2021 Mid-Carolina Region Scholastic Art & Writing Awards
Gold Keys in Art & Writing
Gillian Abrams

Disperse

Laura Wallis, Ardrey Kell High School
“Arwen gathered the moonbeams in her hands. Moonbeams were difficult to handle, even more so as the clouds shielded them from reaching the earth. But every so often, they would get through. They slipped through one’s fingers as easily as water.”
Emma Anderson
Where were we

Justin Pierce, W.A. Hough High School
Natalie Apodaca
Colors of the Mind

Barbara Butryn, Hanes Magnet School
Annabelle Bahr

Creative Cacophony

Brenda Bradley, Cramerton Middle
Kathryn Baker

Lantern

Katherine Allen, W.A. Hough High School
“You see, autistic individuals need this. They crave human connection and attention just like all of us do, but they are often overlooked because of their intellectual challenges. This has to stop. We must be better.”

Meredith Beatty

Critical Essay: Inclusion: The Importance and Impact in Today’s Society

Charlotte Catholic High School
Alexis Bernales-Gonzales

Beautiful but Fragile

Elisa Wadsworth, Mallard Creek High School
Mariam Black

Self Portrait

Nathan Newsome, West Forsyth High School
Amelia Boys

Vulnerability in Exposure

Viloki Patel, Mallard Creek High School
Anakin Burgess

Krinkabinia

Janis Henderson, North Stokes High School
Chloe Calilung

T.S.M.

Nathan Newsome, West Forsyth High School
Kaitlyn Case

A Disconnection Dilemma

Ashley Graham, South Mecklenburg High School
Marly Celebron-Brown

*Through the Rabbit Hole*

Jamie Berry, Northwest School of the Arts
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Wonder

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so I never took the time to learn the language her mother spoke.

for that, I am sorry.”
"I wake to amamma praying under her breath and dosas sizzling in the pan. I never know what she’s saying but I hear the pain in her voice every morning. I offer my help in the kitchen only to get shunned away.

You see, cooking is her way of showing affection."

Susan Chemmanoor

Poetry: the curse of the second generation

Marvin Ridge High School
“He wants to stand up, get himself to safety, but there is no feeling in his lower body. He tries to shout, but there is no voice in his throat. Slowly, he grabs his phone from his pocket...”
Devin Cho

Portfolio: Relationships

Laura Wallis, Ardrey Kell High School
“I miss those days—days when I didn’t have extra time to waste, when I didn’t have to convince myself that chai tea and saltines enjoyed in the afternoon is productive. Fog hovers around my bed in thick rivers, seeping into my pores and settling across my skin, suffocating my motivation to learn.”
“Who would’ve thought that such an archaic pattern seen in the simplest of lifeforms could lead to a breakthrough now applied to the most complex problems of our modern world?”
Samuel Coleman

The Important Things

Alison Blaylock, Myers Park High School
Prentiss Cooper

Time’s Harmony and Struggle

Anne Cammer, Charlotte Latin School
Annette Curti

Winston-Salem Skyline

Elizabeth Betson, West Forsyth High School
Maya Dabney

A Dream as Beautiful as You

Cara Matocha, Lake Norman Charter High School
Maggie Davis

Exposed

Andrea Raines, Career Center
“rocking her to sleep for the fourth time this dark hour while you tuck in five more
all staring at the same moon Mother meets from her hospital bed.”
Ellison Dolan

Blooming Soul

Richard Fletcher, Charlotte Latin School
Isabella Dunlap

Mush-rib

Kenneth Mulwee, R.J. Reynolds High School
Grayson Ellis

It’s My Time!

Meredith Jones, Walkertown Middle School
Sloan Ellison

Riding the High Bridge

Anne Cammer, Charlotte Latin School
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*Dread Sunflowers*

Anne Cammer, Charlotte Latin School
Savannah Faunce

Life is a Balance of Holding On and Letting Go

Justin Pierce, W.A. Hough High School
“And even if things weren’t good, I still have a lot to look forward to and be grateful for. I have a pet dog who I love and I’m doing what I love and…” She meets his gentle gaze. “And I love myself. I’m satisfied with myself.”"
Cross Genco

Infection

Joshua Cornwell, Northwest School of the Arts
Sarah Geric
Country Club Hellscape

Kaitlin Botts, UNC School of the Arts
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Perspectives of Nisa

Laura Wallis, Ardrey Kell High School & Goldhagen Art Glass
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Past the Old Highway

Laura Wallis, Ardrey Kell High School & Goldhagen Art Glass
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Caged Torso

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Portfolio: Exploration in Form

Laura Wallis, Ardrey Kell High School & Goldhagen Art Glass
Beasley Gordon

Blurred

Lisa Holder, Myers Park High School
Rachel Hall

She Who Fakes a Smile

Clark Hawgood, Charlotte Latin School
I’m a little different from the boys I grew up with. I went from a shuddering, stuttering jalopy to a Lexus. I believe it’s unequivocal proof of my proficiency, despite the disadvantages bestowed upon me at infancy.

You know, little things—like possessing a copious amount of melanin in the same America that demonized the mahogany stained hands that toiled to weave the web of wealth too many of my neighbors blindly nestle into today.
Avery Hedrick

Covid Hugger

Dwayne Wilson,
Charlotte Country Day Middle School
Estefania Hernandez
“Am I Black Enough?”

Kody Hall, Mallard Creek High School
“In unpacked boxes somewhere in this house lie stacks and stacks of pictures from my mother’s photography years. As they collect dust, I realize I am no longer from these photos.”
“You were beautiful, in a way that I am not. I’ve always been told I’m the spitting image of you-your big green eyes like looking into a mirror, reflections tying an unbreakable string between you and me.”
Jesse Hoover

Please Hold On to Me, I Love You

Lynn Wu, Myers Park High School
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The Temptation

Lynn Wu, Myers Park High School
John Jackson

Self Portrait

Kaila Gottschling, Home School
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the essence of lust and pleasure;
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marker of seven deadly sins;”
“How many mass shootings
Does it take for a man to understand
Children hiding behind cabinets or locked doors
To relinquish their guns
No more parents dancing with the ghosts of
their daughters and sons
How many times does “I can’t breathe” have to
be yelled by a dying voice”
Kaitlin Allie Joe

Demon

Karen Liebner, Charlotte Christian School
Kaitlin Allie Joe

Drowning in Math

Karen Liebner, Charlotte Christian School
Sabrina Johnson

Romanticizing the Mind

Kelley Shelley, David Butler High School
“I’ve never known her, except for the twenty-four hour period in which she discarded me. She moves eloquently in the rain, a quiet dance.”
Sarah Jung

Unsolicited Inspiration

Brittany Garrison, Ardrey Kell High School
Kenzie Kearns

Butterflies

Natasha Young, Northwest Middle School
Kenzie Kearns
*Girl with Blue Hair*

Natasha Young, Northwest Middle School
Rachel Kim

*Pedophilia*

Laura Wallis, Ardrey Kell High School
Anna Kosinski

Lost in Translation

Will Taylor, UNC School of the Arts
Anna Kosinski

Google Classroom Class of 2020

Will Taylor, UNC School of the Arts
Sydney Lester

Stained Glass

Christopher Fayssoux, Forestview High School
“I remember the flash of the camera,
My mom’s rock candy smile in my own eyes,
And the shared pain that clung to us
Like sugar in our mouths.”
“I’m nine, and I’m scared, and this is my third time getting treated here. She’s fifteen. Her smile is pretty, and her eyes are shockingly blue against the sickly greenish pale of her marble skin. She asks if I want to paint with her, indicating the canvas that she seems to be bathing in undulating layers of cobalt and baby blue.”
Lorelei Lin

*Spume*

Elizabeth Alexander, UNC School of the Arts
Lorelei Lin

Dream in a Dream

Kaitlin Botts, UNC School of the Arts
Cam Linker

Florida Water

Clark Hawgood, Charlotte Latin School
Evy Linker

Masked

Anne Cammer, Charlotte Latin School
Lance Lokas
Portfolio: Uzbekistan: A Portrait

Katie Spata, Covenant Day School
Lance Lokas

Alone

Katie Spata, Covenant Day School
Keaton Luginbill
Self Portrait with Glasses
Weddington Middle School & Chip Martin Design
“We rarely think about how other people will act and their motives for doing so, therefore perspective-taking is essential, especially when there are conflicts”
Maia McElvane

Bianca

Will Taylor, UNC School of the Arts
Emily Moore

Let Go of Your Anger

Amy Bearden, South Iredell High School
Shacara Morehead

School

Ninoshka Boylston, Piedmont Classical High School
“my mother’s hands
are soft and tan
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her nails are almost always clean
almost always perfect”
Reagan Murphy

Clean Your Room

Laura Wallis, Ardrey Kell High School
Laura Neligan

Syd Was Here

Anne Cammer, Charlotte Latin School
Alice Nguyen

The Freedom of Movement

Ashley Byer, Hopewell High School
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Caution

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Thuy Nguyen

Refresh

Katherine Allen, W. A. Hough High School
Sophia Orchard

Fields of Bliss

Theodore Cooke, South Charlotte Middle School
“By establishing intersectionality within ourselves and recognizing those in others, it is important to be aware of the repercussions people face when their intersectionalities are held against them.”
Marietta Pattison

Asymmetrical

Laura Wallis, Ardrey Kell High School
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Forehead

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Facial Imperfections

Laura Wallis, Ardrey Kell High School
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Low Self Esteem

Laura Wallis, Ardrey Kell High School
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*Portfolio: Body Dysmorphia*

Laura Wallis, Ardrey Kell High School
Hayden Proffitt

Broken Boulder Teapot

Anne Cammer, Charlotte Latin High School
“On some local frequency, I heard that the human brain cannot create new faces. Every face we’ve ever dreamed of, we’ve seen somewhere”
Emilio Rochow
Portfolio: Flummoxed
Holt Harris, Gaston Day School
Mark Saber

Ash

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Cult Room

Ardrey Kell High School
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“Frozen living,
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Peyton Samii

Between Two Trees

Kaila Gottschling Fine Art
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Ajax

Beth Herrick, Northwest Guilford High School
Smile!

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Daria Shishkina

Extinction Earrings

Katherine Allen, W. A. Hough High School
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Portfolio: Overfishing

Katherine Allen, W. A. Hough High School
Aaron Solar
Confident Room

Kelley Shelley, David Butler High School
Lena Song

Cellophane

Jill Simpson, Providence High School
“I watch her. Her makeup hasn’t fully come off, none of us ever get the stage makeup fully removed, but I’m entranced by her silky brown hair dancing as she turns her head side to side.”
Keelyenne Tobin

Reaching Out

Kody Hall, Mallard Creek High School
Emilia Travis
An Indelible Moment

Lynn Wu, Myers Park High School
Hami Trinh

If I Made a Hundred Thousand Stars

Elizabeth Alexander, UNC School of the Arts
“memory grows from the earth as every black-eyed susan and white clover become memoriam kept alive by the bees memory lives in todd’s bedroom: neatly-made bed, posters hanging onto ‘79, model cars on the nightstand dusted on sundays”
Ila Waller

On Sundays We Dream

Kaitlin Botts, UNC School of the Arts
Kendall Willard

Portfolio: Fractured

Phil Jones, South Stokes High School
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Dysmorphia

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Mercurial

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Mutated

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Infliction

Phil Jones, South Stokes High School
Jakaila Williamson

The Tip of Impermanence

Elisa Wadsworth, Mallard Creek High School
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“Gripping the spade’s handle with her small trembling fingers, the girl knelt on the cold earth. As she carved out a shallow grave, she thought of her own sister’s funeral. The family had gathered around to say a few words in memory of her short life. She couldn’t quite remember what had been said, only that she herself could find no words.”
“My mother is poetic in the way she meticulously cooks daily, poetic in the way she pursuits gardening, and poetic in the loving way she cares.”
Lynn Zhao
An Artist’s Dress
Anne Cammer, Charlotte Latin Middle School
Keke Zhu

Pine Needles and Dewdrops

Carey Jackson-Adams, Greensboro Day School
Sonia Zhu

Ongoing Schemes

Laura Wallis, Ardrey Kell High School
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Special Awards
American Vision Nominees
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