



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

2014 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

Several Goose Creek CISD students were announced as winners of 2015 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards by regional sponsor Harris County Department of Education. Harris County teenage artists and writers from 18 area school districts and multiple charter, private and home schools earned awards.

In writing, Skyler Hall won a Silver Key for "The Eternal War," and Donenne Sackett won a Silver Key for "Enigmatic Undergrowth." Both Baytown Junior School students won in the Science Fiction Fantasy. They are under the direction of Jerry Shafer. Kaegan Knox from IMPACT Early College High School won an Honorable Mention in the Science Fiction Fantasy category for "We Meet Again." He is under the direction of Emily Patrick.

Ramsis Cantoral from Robert E. Lee High School, under the direction of Kayla Logan, won a Silver Key for the Writing Portfolio "Philosophy and Perspective." Astrid Guevara from Ross S. Sterling High School won a Gold Key for Writing Portfolio "The Art of Fear." Caren Sanchez, also from Sterling, won a Silver Key in the Critical Essay category for "An Invisible Man's Journey Towards Self-Discovery." Guevara and Sanchez are under the direction of Angela Buehring.

Nine Ross S. Sterling art students, under the direction of Annie Watson, won recognition. Gold Key Awards went to Clay Kogut for Mixed Media "Suitcase" and for Drawing and Illustration "Through the Looking Glass." Austin Haffelfinger won Silver Key Awards in the Art Portfolio category for "Austin Haffelfinger #1" and "Austin Haffelfinger #2." Neda Hamid won a Silver Key in the Photography category for "Different Kinds of Work." Courtney Infante's "Self Portrait in Red" won a Silver Key in Drawing and Illustration. Caroline Olsen received a Silver Key for "Imagine," and Kassandra Pulido received a Silver Key for "Neon Cactus," both in the Drawing and Illustration category.

Honorable Mention went to Alonzo Batiste for "Legion of Heroes – Part I" in the Comic Art division and Austin Haffelfinger for "Worldly Attachments" in the Digital Art division. Courtney Infante won Honorable Mention for Art Portfolio "Courtney Infante" and for "Starbucks" in the Drawing and Illustration category. Chelsea Infante was awarded Honorable Mention for "Cat" in the Drawing and Illustration category. "Silverware" by Gabriella Ozuna received Honorable Mention in the Drawing and Illustration division.

Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, 92 years old, provides young artists and writers in grades 7-12 with the chance to showcase their work as it identifies and documents their outstanding achievements.



Scholastic Art winners from Ross S. Sterling High School are (front row, from left) Courtney Infante (12), Chelsea Infante (12), (second row) Austin Haffelfinger (12), Clay Kogut (12) (third row), Kassandra Pulido (12), Gabriella Ozuna (12), (top row) Neda Hamid (11) and Caroline Olsen (11). Not pictured is Alonzo Batiste (12).

The competition's mission is to bring outstanding visual art and writing created by teens to a national audience by showcasing the work and encouraging creativity and career development. Former Scholastic Art & Writing notables who earned awards in high school include Truman Capote, Richard Avedon, Andy Warhol, Sylvia Plath, Robert Redford, and Zac Posen.

Gold and Silver Key Awards regional ceremonies will be held at 7:00 p.m. Feb. 24 (art) and Feb. 25 (writing) at Harris County Department of Education, 6300 Irvington. A Gold Key artists and writers reception is scheduled at the Glassell Junior School, 1001 Bissonnet on Feb. 20 from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Winning art and writing entries were judged from approximately 5,000 entries at the regional level, HCDE Scholastic Art & Writing Awards coordinator Melba Kent said.

"We celebrate the talent of these young artists and writers at multiple ceremonies throughout Harris County," said Kent. "We are proud to sponsor this competition and look forward to showcasing the work of these amazing youth."



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