Creativity stands out in Pierce County Library System contest for teens

TACOMA – Congratulations to the Pierce County teen artists, photographers and writers who participated in the Pierce County Library System’s Our Own Expressions Teen Writing and Art Contest. Students in grades 7 through 12 representing 74 schools in Pierce County submitted more than 900 poems, short stories, drawings and photographs.

“I am blown away by the caliber of talent displayed by these teens,” said Pierce County Library’s Executive Director Georgia Lomax. “The contest is an excellent opportunity for young artists and writers to share their creativity and skill with the community.”

The contest is part of the Library System’s Strategic Plan, which includes Enjoyment as a focus area to inspire imagination and create opportunities to pursue passions. The award-winning young authors and artists will share their work at a free public event at Pacific Lutheran University’s Lagerquist Concert Hall, Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Professional writers, authors and photographers selected the winners.

Poetry Winners
Grades 7-8: 1st—Mattae Magat, Bonney Lake; 2nd—Jillian Jean Lombard, Gig Harbor; 3rd—Colby Cantrell, Bonney Lake
Grades 9-10: 1st—Julia Fisher, Olalla; 2nd—Anique Jones, Tacoma; 3rd—Janelle V. Chin, Tacoma
Grades 11-12: 1st—Amelia Day, Sumner; 2nd—Annika Van Vlack, Anderson Island; 3rd—Madison Stephens, Tacoma

Short Story Winners
Grades 7-8: 1st—Maya Mendoza, Sumner; 2nd—Armaan Khanuja, Auburn; 3rd—Kelsey Liggett, Puyallup
Grades 9-10: 1st—Alice Tang, Puyallup; 2nd—Honor Tamminga, Gig Harbor; 3rd—Chloe Rutherford, Graham
Grades 11-12: 1st—Helena Burk, University Place; 2nd—Martina Preston, Sumner; 3rd—James Castle, Gig Harbor

Photography Winners
Grades 7-8: 1st—Joselyn Barenaba, Roy; 2nd—Denaya Dyke, Bonney Lake; 3rd—Madison Robbins, Lakebay
Grades 9-10: 1st—Lindsey Langham, Lakewood; 2nd—Joshua Kim, DuPont; 3rd—Layla Stennett, Spanaway
Grades 11-12: 1st—Jacob Million, Steilacoom; 2nd—Jordan Hayward, Puyallup; 3rd—Jennifer Oh, University Place

Drawing Winners
Grades 7-8: 1st—Mariah Schauf, Bonney Lake; 2nd—Adrienne Redman, Ashford; 3rd—Kali Ofield, Puyallup
Grades 9-10: 1st—Angelina Cruz, Gig Harbor; 2nd—Hunter Tichy, Port Orchard; 3rd—Trinity Travis, Roy
Grades 11-12: 1st—Addeline Piippo, Graham; 2nd—Madison Sternod, Lakewood; 3rd—Hannah Davis, Bonney Lake

View the winning entries at expressions.pcls.us and in copies of the winners’ booklet available at Pierce County Libraries, as well as in the winning students’ school libraries.

Thanks to the Pierce County Library Foundation for sponsoring the Our Own Expressions Teen Writing and Art Contest.

About Pierce County Library System
The nationally acclaimed Pierce County Library System serves 603,000 people throughout Pierce County with 20 libraries and online services. The system is the fourth largest in the state and is funded primarily through property taxes. People may choose from 1.1 million books, e-books, audiobooks, movies and other materials. Pierce County Library is committed to directing services in three primary areas: learning, enjoyment and community connection. Its services and programs spark success for Pierce County residents. More than 2 million people visit Pierce County Libraries each year. The Library provides services and programs directly to people in adult care facilities or who are homebound, and to children in child care centers and schools. Pierce County Libraries are located at Anderson Island, Bonney Lake, Buckley, DuPont, Eatonville, Fife, Gig Harbor, Graham, Key Center, Lakewood, Milton/Edgewood, Orting, Parkland/Spanaway, Pierce County Library Administrative Center, South Hill, Steilacoom, Summit, Sumner, Tillicum and University Place. Pierce County Library is an independent municipal corporation and operates as a junior taxing district.

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