

POETRY

- 1st Place** “The Loneliness of Dolphins” by **Darius Atefat-Peckham**, Huntington High School, Huntington, WV, Ms. Lisa Williams, 9th grade
- 2nd Place** “Kiss At The Gas Station” by **Claudia Lee**, Egg Harbor Township High School, Egg Harbor Township, NJ, Ms. Salvatore-Smith, 12th Grade
- 3rd Place** “Skeletal Lullaby” by **Alex Greenberg**, Ethical Culture Fieldston School, Bronx, NY, Ms. Linda Novak, 11th grade
- Honorable Mention** “Serving in Ben Hai” by **Lisa Zou**, Hamilton High School, Chandler, AZ, Ms. Renee Stafford, 12th Grade
- “Saintly Urban Decay Fever Dream #87” by **Alan Fang**, Westfield High School, Westfield, NJ, Mr. David Della Ferra, 12th grade
- “Wishes” by **Christina Fluharty**, Owen J Roberts High School, Pottstown, PA, Mrs. Galambos, 12th grade
- “A Neurobiologist’s Break-Up Poem” by **Rebecca Zaritsky**, Bergen County Academies, Hackensack, NJ, Mr. Richard Weems, 12th grade
- “Villanelle: Fifteen Years”, by **Jesica Porcelli**, Livingston High School, Livingston, NJ, Ms. Susan Rothbard, 10th Grade
- “Drives”, by **Nicole Yeager**, Northern Highlands Regional High School, Allendale, NJ, Ms. Svea Barrett, 10th Grade
- “The Girl in the Red Dress”, by **Natalie Giammanco**, Northern Highlands Regional High School, Allendale, NJ, Ms. Svea Barrett, 10th Grade
- “Ode to the Cold”, by **Kiayla Amos-Flom**, Northern Highlands Regional High School, Allendale, NJ, Ms. Svea Barrett, 11th Grade

ESSAY

- 1st Place** “Dichotomy” by **Rebecca Zaritsky**, Bergen County Academies, Hackensack, NJ, Mr. Richard Weems, 12th grade
- 2nd Place** “Whoosh Whir” by **Mattie Beauford**, Livingston High School, Livingston, NJ, Ms. Susan Rothbard, 11th grade
- 3rd Place** “Somewhere in Between” by **Evelyn Ho**, Livingston High School, Livingston, NJ, Ms. Susan Rothbard, 9th grade
- Honorable Mention** “Adding the Afro to my Latina” by **Sarah Benedith**, The Pennington School, Pennington, NJ, Mr. John S Bouton, 11th Grade

FICTION

- 1st Place** “Stoop” by **Maria Bobbitt-Chertock**, The Seven Hills School, Cincinnati, OH, Mr. Erich Schweikher, 12th grade
- 2nd Place** “Clock Strikes Twelve” by **Jamie Greer**, Bergen County Academies, Hackensack, NJ, Mr. Richard Weems, 12th grade
- 3rd Place** “This is What Modern Love Looks Like” by **Claudia Lee**, Egg Harbor Township HS, Egg Harbor Township, NJ, Ms. Salvatore-Smith, 12th Grade
- Honorable Mention** “Note to Sunbeam” by **Vanessa Cuppari**, Livingston High School, Livingston, NJ, Ms. Susan Rothbard, 10th Grade
- “Alice” by **Danielle Pergola**, North Warren Regional High School, Blairstown, NJ, Ms. Serzan, 11th grade
- “Chopsticks” by **Evelyn Ho**, Livingston High School, Livingston, NJ, Ms. Susan Rothbard, 9th grade
- “Clair de Lune” by **Josh Martin**, Newark Academy, Livingston, NJ, Ms. Tess James, 12th grade
- “The Quest for Answers” by **Rachel Lim**, Cherry Hill High School East, Cherry Hill, NJ, Ms. Katie Kelly-Radbill, 11th grade
- “Todd and Melanie” by **Katelyn Moorman**, Green River High School, Green River, WY, Ms. Hemphill, 11th grade
- “Without My Best Friend” by **Antonia Sames**, Northern Valley Regional High School, Demarest, NJ, Ms. Brauner, 9th Grade