Creative Writing

Creative Writing ~ Ages 8 – 10

POETRY

First Place
Tanmay Kulkarni
Age 8
Redmond, Washington
“The Assigned Classwork”

Emily Xiao
Age 10
St. Louis, Missouri
“Guided by the Light”

Second Place
Codou Ndao Brumblay
Age 9
Kalamazoo, Michigan
“Thanatos”

Callum Wyer
Age 9
Houston, Texas
“Garg, Supercat, and Silly Clock”
(Inspired by the poem “Jabberwocky” written by Lewis Carroll)

Third Place
Ella Day Guzman
Age 10
Norwood, New Jersey
“Number Four”

STORIES

First Place
Elliot Michael Marks
Age 10
Naperville, Illinois and Jaffa, Israel
“The Dragon and the Knight”

Clara Roberts
Age 10
White Plains, New York
“A Goddess Walks Into a Diner”

Second Place
Nusaybah Aisha Ali
Age 10
Glendale Heights, Illinois
“Our Little Tornado”

Kotono Oshimbe
Age 9
Wroclaw, Poland
“The Mysterious Forest”

Third Place
Ella Day Guzman
Age 10
Norwood, New Jersey
“A Hero’s Journey”

Hamza Hasan
Age 9
Naperville, Illinois
“Eddie and His New Shoes”
### Creative Writing ~ Ages 11 – 12

#### POETRY

**First Place**

Pieta Jan Mackle Bayley  
Age 11  
Christchurch, New Zealand  
“From Their Boat”

Owen Alexander Dudney  
Age 12  
Arlington Heights, Illinois  
“Here”

Liam M. Goodowens  
Age 11  
Winter Park, Florida  
“Impetus: Knowledge vs. Imagination”

Preston Yuping Yao  
Age 12  
Darien, Connecticut  
“Where I’m From”

**Second Place**

Angelina G. Chan  
Age 12  
Long Grove, Illinois  
“Recollections”

Dora Ivkovich  
Age 12  
Okemos, Michigan  
“Ode to an Ant”

Alyssa Kelly Schulz  
Age 12  
Mount Prospect, Illinois  
“One Candle”

**Third Place**

Ryan J. Liew  
Age 11  
Singapore  
“The Angry Bird”

Reanne Rui Xuan Lim  
Age 12  
Singapore  
“My Best Friend?”

Isaac Leon Marks  
Age 12  
Naperville, Illinois and Tel-Aviv, Israel  
“The Chicken Poem”

#### STORIES

**First Place**

Dora Ivkovich  
Age 12  
Okemos, Michigan  
“Gears”

Lucy Ming Yi  
Age 12  
Singapore  
“Metamorphosis: The Tale of the Unwanted”

**Second Place**

Cai Hui Lien  
Age 12  
Singapore  
“A Congregation of Stars”

Kiri Peterson McMann  
Age 11  
Boca Chantas, Arkansas  
“They Will Acknowledge My Awesomeness Tonight”

**Third Place**

Emily Cecilia Boyer  
Age 12  
Brooklyn, New York  
“Roses of Revenge”

Jeffrey J. Huang  
Age 12  
Lisle, Illinois  
“Light Across the Mediterranean”

Isaac Leon Marks  
Age 12  
Naperville, Illinois and Tel-Aviv, Israel  
“Fearless Liam”

Johannes Vilhelm Molle Storbjörk  
Age 11  
Wroctaw, Poland  
“The Water Droplet Story”
POETRY

First Place
Bella Faith Caughley
Age 14
Rangiora, New Zealand
“Kingsbury”

Isabelle Miriam Gawedzki
Age 13
Lake Zurich, Illinois
Untitled

Alesha Johanes
Age 13
Singapore
“A Visit to Forever”

Claire Lynn Shao
Age 13
Wexford, Pennsylvania
“Uncharted Waters”

Second Place
Greta Renee Franke
Age 13
Tower Lakes, Illinois
“O Brave Soldier”

Sydney Therese Frederick
Age 14
Topeka, Kansas
“My Fearful Experience”

Jaime Gooi
Age 15
Singapore
“A Man I Don’t Know”

Third Place
Joel Kai-En Hoe
Age 13
Singapore
“Run”

Si Young Kim
Age 14
San Diego, California
“My Laugh”

Nathalie C. Mitchell
Age 13
Seattle, Washington
“Dove Wing”

Naia Ishita Nathan
Age 14
Singapore
“Boys Will Be Boys”

STORIES

First Place
Haemaru Chung
Age 15
New York, New York
“Dangerous Blue”

Eva Maria Sayn-Wittgenstein
Age 15
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
“The Palace Theatre”

Second Place
By Richard A. Cheng
Age 14
St. Louis, Missouri
“A Difficult Decision”

Todd Robert Redman
Age 13
Naperville, Illinois
“It Was A Terrible Night”

Third Place
Cindy Wang
Age 14
St. Louis, Missouri
“God, America”

Elena Grace Woodburn
Age 14
Winfield, Kansas
“Ever the Lucky One”
Creative Writing ~ Ages 16 – 18

POETRY

First Place
Lisa Zou
Age 17
Chandler, Arizona
“Tips and Service”

Second Place
Vidya Lakshmi D/O Singanathan
Age 17
Singapore
“Ill-fated”

Third Place
Phaedra N. DeJarnette
Age 17
Lakeland, Florida
“The Red String of Fate”

STORIES

First Place
Joseph Park
Age 17
Fairfax, Virginia
“The Hunter Had Become the Hunted”

Second Place
Calista Chong
Age 16
Singapore
“Still Beating”

Jimin Han
Age 17
Seoul, South Korea
“The Artist”

Third Place
Julia Haein Mun
Age 17
Marietta, Georgia
“The Things They Lost”

Joonho Jo
Age 16
Exeter, New Hampshire
“Mom”
Visual Arts ~ Ages 8 - 9

First Place

Shinun Oh
Age 9
Wroclaw, Poland
Next Step Forward

JuSeong Park
Age 8
Bielany Wroclawskie, Poland
Sea Sunrise

Second Place

Christopher Jin Chang
Age 9
Norwood, New Jersey
Blockbusters

Seoin Kim
Age 9
Wroclawskie Wroclaw, Poland
Royal Family Breakfast

Singyee Liu
Age 7
Long Grove, Illinois
Hobo Grandma Potato

Third Place

Muhammad Alaa
Age 9
Kingdom of Bahrain
Self-Portrait

William C. Kush
Age 8
Steger, Illinois
Happy Cupcake

Taehun Lee
Age 8
Bielany Wroclawskie, Poland
Spaceship
Visual Arts ~ Ages 10 - 11

**First Place**
Rachael Run-xin Huang  
Age 11  
Darien, Connecticut  
Chasing Your Dreams

Emma Mason  
Age 10  
Christchurch, New Zealand  
Peacock

**Second Place**
Nada Mikati  
Age 11  
Wroclaw, Poland  
Butterfly World

Cecilia Nicoli  
Age 10  
Bielany Wroclawskie, Poland  
A New Sunrise

**Third Place**
Angela A. Deng  
Age 11  
Lake Forest, Illinois  
A Boat

Visual Arts ~ Ages 12 - 13

**First Place**
Pang Hsien Teng Elody  
Age 13  
Singapore  
A Universe Without Climate Change

Sally Seulgi Park  
Age 13  
Fairfax, Virginia  
Undiscovered Treasure

**Second Place**
Greta Renee Franke  
Age 13  
Tower Lakes, Illinois  
Blossoms of the Geisha

Da Eun Lee  
Age 13  
Wroclaw, Poland  
The Meeting Hearts

**Third Place**
Alyssa Kelly Schulz  
Age 12  
Mount Prospect, Illinois  
Elephants in the Morning Mist

Madhu Ganjam  
Age 13  
Sugar Land, Texas  
Journey to Forever
Visual Arts ~ Ages 14 - 15

First Place

Haemaru Chung
Age 15
New York, New York
*Lucky Bird*

Tuyet-Nhi T. Nguyen
Age 15
Gilberts, Illinois
*Japanese Geisha*

Second Place

*Shea Margaret Frawley*
Age 15
West Chicago, Illinois
*Reach*

Third Place

Uttaran Das
Age 14
Kalyan, India
*Are Black Holes Gateway to a New Universe?*

Visual Arts ~ Ages 16 - 18

First Place

Emily Yanlei Chu
Age 16
Savannah, Georgia
*Duet*

Morgan Amber Baldinelli
Age 16
Savannah, Georgia
*Birds of Paradise: Greeting and Farewell*

Second Place

Alex Garnica
Age 16
Dalton, Georgia
*A Reluctant Adventure*

Brandon Heebner
Age 17
Savannah, Georgia
*Star Sign*

Madden Alaphair Palefsky
Age 17
Savannah, Georgia
*Fight Club*

Third Place

Kashta Naeem Dozier-Muhammad
Age 17
Savannah, Georgia
*Father*

Yezu Lee
Age 17
Wrocław, Poland
*The Narrowest Path in Life*
Photography ~ Ages 8 - 12

First Place
Frances Mun Dinh
Age 8
Chicago, Illinois
A Heart Full of Petals

Second Place
William J. Ee
Age 10
Norwood, New Jersey
To the Top

Pia Janaea Tica
Age 10
Wheaton, Illinois
In the Midst of Hot Smoke

Third Place
Claire W. Goodowens
Age 9
Winter Park, Florida
Dragon

Callum Wyer
Age 9
Houston, Texas
From a Leaf Cutter’s Perspective: Tiny Ants

Photography ~ Ages 15 - 16

First Place
Samantha Caasi Tica
Age 15
Wheaton, Illinois
In the Midst of the Stars

Claire Morgan Wagner
Age 16
Darien, Illinois
Pele’s Wrath

Second Place
Hadiya Yousuf
Age 15
New Delhi, India
Journey to Forever
Music Composition

**Ages 8-10**

**First Place**

Peyton Nelesen  
Age 8  
Saratoga, California  
_Midnight Ride to Winter's Moon_

**Second Place**

Johanna Epstein  
Age 10  
Roswell, Georgia  
_You’re a Star for the Night_

**Ages 11-14**

**First Place**

Luke A. Brossard  
Age 14  
McPherson, Kansas  
_The Waves of Light_

**Ages 15-18**

**First Place**

Hieu Nguyen  
Age 17  
Malden, Massachusetts  
_Fantasia_

**Second Place**

Ben Ballmer and Dani Jean-Baptiste  
Age 16  
Evanston, Illinois  
_King of Sleaze_
TOYS AND GAMES

Ages 8-12

First Place
Callum Wyer
Age 9
Houston, Texas
BUILD IT! A S.T.E.M. Challenge Game

Second Place
Dora Ivkovich
Age 12
Okemos, Michigan
TRADE TROTTERS

Third Place
Cassidy Kao
Age 10
Glendale, California
Biome Sweet Biome

Ages 13-14

First Place
Varun Jha
Age 14
Mumbai, India
“Infrared Remote Control Car”

Second Place
S. Pon Balaji
Age 13
Virudhunagar, India
Salvage the Sphere

Third Place
Jinghan Xie
Age 13
Singapore
“Inverted World”

Esther-J Yoong
Age 13
Singapore
“Fearing to Wet Their Paws”
First Place

Kylie Luk
Age 12
Singapore
“French Fry Artist”

Second Place

Olivia Jane Pixton
Age 12
Shawnee, Kansas
“Stresscuber”

Claire Goodowens and Liam Goodowens
Ages 9 and 11
Winter Park, Florida
“The Game Exchange Box”

Third Place

Natalie Peterson
Age 12
Shawnee, Kansas
“Cap Catcher”
SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Ages 12-13
First Place
Siddhima Varyambat
Age 12
Mumbai, India
“Alcofreeze”

Ages 14-16
First Place
Shiloh S. Curtis
Age 16
Sunnyvale, California
“Enabling Situational Awareness of a Hat-Based Hands-Free Navigational Aid for the Visually Impaired”

Second Place
Team Name: Triple T
Team Members: Haemaru Chung, Said Gulcelik, Donovan Shin, Owen Hefferren-Harkless, Tyler Masuyama, Alexander Sheen, Andrew Ting, and Umar Ali
Age 15
New York, New York
“Wet Chemical Fire Suppression System for Apartment Kitchens”

Third Place
Akshobh S. Kulkarni
Age 14
Kalyan, India
“MilkBot”

Ages 17-18
First Place
Tristan Ross Myers
Age 17
Topeka, Kansas
“Modular Bicycle Water Pump”

Second Place
Richael Shola Makinde
Age 18
Accra, Ghana
“The Self-Heating Canned Food”