



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **GCPS students earn national art and writing honors**

Nearly a dozen **Gwinnett County Public Schools** students earned recognition for their artistic and writing talents. Ten students were Gold or Silver medalists in the **Scholastic Art and Writing Awards** sponsored by the **Alliance for Young**



Summer Foster: I Surprise Myself

**Artists and Writers**. In addition to winning a Gold Medal, **Summer Foster**, an 11<sup>th</sup> grader at **Brookwood High School**, won an **American Visions Medal**. This award is the highest regional honor and is given to one writer and one artist from each region.

Nearly 340,000 works of art and writing samples were submitted to the Scholastic Awards by teens in grades 7-12. Honorees were selected by accomplished leaders in the visual and literary arts, and by past award winners. According to the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers, Gold medals represent the most outstanding works in the nation and Silver medals represent works demonstrating high honors nationally.

The following are the recipients of the 2019 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards:

Student	Grade	High School	Award	Title	Category
Angel Ahabue	11	Parkview HS	Silver Medal	Culture	Photography
Karina Anderson	11	South Gwinnett HS	Gold Medal	They Make Them Like They Use To	Painting
Rebecca Eludinni	12	Central Gwinnett HS	Gold Medal	Black radiance	Photography
Summer Foster	11	Brookwood HS	Gold Medal & American Visions Medal	I Surprise Myself	Mixed Media
Jason Hong	12	Peachtree Ridge HS	Gold Medal	Room	Drawing & Illustration
Ashley Kim	11	Peachtree Ridge HS	Silver Medal	The Aftermath	Drawing & Illustration
Hannah O'Neil	12	Collins Hill HS	Gold medal	The Cycle of Ideas	Mixed Media
Damara Sochacki	12	Brookwood HS	Silver Medal	Skyline	Photography
Ashley Yeon	12	North Gwinnett HS	Gold Medal	Lines	Photography
Jai Hyuk Yu	12	Collins Hill HS	Gold Medal	Descent	Drawing & Illustration

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