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Nine HISD students win national Scholastic Art and Writing gold medals

May 12, 2021 – A record nine Houston Independent School District students from six campuses won prestigious national gold medals in the 2020 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.

This is the first time HISD has had nine national gold medal winners in a single year. The winners competed against more than 80,000 students who submitted nearly 230,000 works of art and writing to the Scholastic Awards. Only 2,000 entries received national medals.

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HISD also had dozens of students who won Scholastic regional Gold Key Awards for art and writing.

Scholastic is a publisher of textbooks and education materials. The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards are the nation's longest running and most prestigious recognition program for creative student artists and writers.

"HISD's fine arts teachers believe that every student is an emerging artist. Now Scholastic, a world-renowned organization, is recognizing the creative talents of our students who are learning from some of the best teachers in America," HISD Interim Superintendent Grenita Lathan said.

By winning the national awards, HISD students join an elite group of artists and writers, including Andy Warhol, Ken Burns and Stephen King, who won Scholastic Awards when they were teens.

The nine national winners are:

Name	Grade	Category	Campus
Brooke Ferrell	11	Science Fiction & Fantasy	Carnegie Vanguard High School
Kechi Mbah	11	Poetry	Carnegie Vanguard High School
Anna Parker	8	Poetry	Lanier Middle School
Lakshmi Sunder	10	Short Story	Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts.
Chloe Beaudreau	9	Photography	Carnegie Vanguard High School
Sadie Burlton	12	Photography	Lamar High School
Humza Hanif	11	Photography	Carnegie High School

Enya Krathaus 8 Mixed Media
Danny Zuniga Zarat 12 Photography

Hogg Middle School
Bellaire High School

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The Houston Independent School District is the largest school district in Texas and the seventh-largest in the United States, with 280 schools and more than 209,772 students. The 333-square-mile district is one of the largest employers in the Houston metropolitan area, with more than 27,000 employees.

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