



**Student Art Reception
October 11, 2026**

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Elementary Award Winners



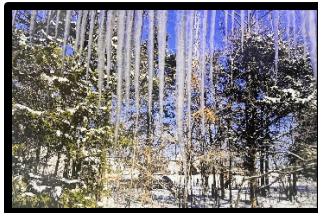
Best in Show Two-Dimensional

Eason Zhao, Rosewood Elementary



Best in Show Three-Dimensional

Belle Moore, Mad Ducks Art Studio



Best in Show Photography

Harper White, Oakdale Elementary

Carolina Wren Merit Award

London Colon, Windsor Elementary School

Barbara Ward "Little Flowers" Award:

Jordyn Govan, J.L. Cain Elementary School

Elementary School Educator: Lindsie Ware, Ben Lippen School

KINDERGARTEN

Two Dimensional

First	Julian Cooke	Red Bank Elementary Lexington
Second	Christopher Farr	Ben Lippen School
Third	Lila Freeman	St Joseph Catholic School

Three Dimensional

First	Andrew Rosales	Leaphart Elementary School
Second	Abby Manna	Mad Ducks Art Studio
Third	Jillian Parnell	TaySpray Studios

Photography

First	Micah Souther	Souther Family Homeschool
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Honorable Mention

A'Journee Poteat-Burnett	Pate Elementary School
Bennett Epling	Homeschool
Bryce Stephens	Jesse Boyd Elementary
Cohen Harlow	Little Mountain Elementary School
Kentrell Graham	Pate Elementary School
Reagan Wall	Jesse Boyd Elementary
Sadie Blackwell	Pleasant Hill Elementary School
Spencer Sullivan	Ben Lippen School
Winnie Bryan	Mad Ducks Art Studio
Yunan Wang	Meadow Glen Elementary School

FIRST GRADE

Two-Dimensional

First	Juno Isla Sabido	J.L. Cain Elementary School
Second	Shivansh Raut	Rosewood Elementary School
Third	Field Lacey	Jesse Boyd Elementary

Three-Dimensional

First	Hadley Bryan	Mad Ducks Art Studio
Second	Hayden Sligh	Little Mountain Elementary School
Third	Destiny Lockett	White Knoll Elementary

Photography

First	Violet Bianco	Bianco Homeschool
Second	Reyland Hawfield	Hawfield Homeschool

Honorable Mention

Caroline Berry	Prosperity-Rikard Elementary School
Chi Chu Liang	Heritage Christian Academy
Gianna Steverson	Mad Ducks Art Studio
Gotti Brown	Pate Elementary School
Izabella Hallman	Centerville Elementary School
Jakayla Jackson	Pate Elementary School
Kexin Li	Meadow Glen Elementary School
Lyla Burnett	Jesse Boyd Elementary
Rosalea Gibson	Pate Elementary School
Scarlett Beresford	Rosewood Elementary School

SECOND GRADE

Two-Dimensional

First	Simon Berg	Jesse Boyd Elementary
Second	Morgan Osterholt	St Joseph Catholic School
Third	Arielle Diaz	Mad Ducks Art Studio

Three Dimensional

First	Charlee Castellano	White Knoll Elementary
Second	Molly McQuillin	TaySpray Studios
Third	Sydney Pruitt	TaySpray Studios

Photography

First	Michael Seay	SAGATC
Second	Charlie Harrison	The Harrison Hearth Homeschool

Honorable Mention

Arianna Connor	Mad Ducks Art Studio
Braxton Williamson	Pate Elementary School
Bryce Freeman	Little Mountain Elementary School
Charlotte Touchberry	Black Creek Elementary School
Daniel Fang	Heathwood Hall Episcopal School
Henry Morris	
Lucy Bubonic	Ben Lippen School
Noble Ott	Ott Forum
Will Bowers	St Joseph Catholic School
Yates Bradley	TaySpray Studio

THIRD GRADE

Two-Dimensional

First	Yuyao Wang	Meadow Glen Elementary School
Second	Ian Tran	Lake Murray Elementary School
Third	Kai Liu	Lake Murray Elementary School

Three Dimensional

First	Rhett Branham	Daly Productions Art Class
Second	Luke Schmoltze	Mad Ducks Art Studio
Third	Livie McFadden	Mad Ducks Art Studio

Photography

First	Melody Souther	Souther Family Homeschool
Second	Parker Chancey	
Third	Elliott Grabbatin	Logan Elementary

Honorable Mention

Charli Hill	Little Mountain Elementary School
Emma Boone	Homeschool
Emma Cai	Hammond School
Grace Fulmer	Center for Knowledge North
Havana Trumbull	AC Moore Elementary School
Joseph Lanier	Mad Ducks Art Studio
Kayden Caroll	J.L. Cain Elementary School
Rashaun Gregg	Carolina School for Inquiry
Samar Sharma	Meadow Glen Elementary
Sara Johnson	Ben Lippen School

FOURTH GRADE

Two-Dimensional

First	Essie Carlson	Mad Ducks Art Studio
Second	Adelyne Rose Toney	Homeschool
Third	Jackson Moore	Little Mountain Elementary School

Three-Dimensional

First	Emily Jennings	Mad Ducks Art Studio
Second	Stella Williams	St Joseph Catholic School
Third	Brooklyn Brown	Boundary Street Elementary

Photography

First	Elowen Hawfield	Hawfield Homeschool
Second	Mia Smith	Homeschool

Honorable Mention

Tyler Wilson	J.L. Cain Elementary School
Abby Dong	MGES
Aiden Kemp	Little Mountain Elementary School
Blythe Raines	Homeschool
Calvin Harlow	Little Mountain Elementary School
Candice Chen	Langford Elementary School
Elliana Fierro	Centerville Elementary School
Grace Cates	Little Mountain Elementary School
Mia Tan	Lake Murray Elementary School
Tommy Buell	Mad Ducks Art Studio

FIFTH GRADE

Two-Dimensional

First	Alen Li	Heathwood Hall Episcopal School
Second	Amelia Lomas	Lake Murray Elementary
Third	Azariah Davis	J.L. Cain Elementary School

Three Dimensional

First	Rivers Dial	Little Mountain Elementary School
Second	Collin McKernon	HE Corley Elementary
Third	Jovon Vinson	Carolina School for Inquiry

Photography

First	Taylor Lake	Little Mountain Elementary School
Second	Grace Bordeaux	
Third	Morgan Hughes	Fairfield Magnet School for Math and Science

Honorable Mention

Benjamin Ott	Ott Forum
Hazel Jordan	Little Mountain Elementary School
James Chen	Wateree Elementary School
Julianna Lam	Saluda River Academy for the Arts
Londyn Givens	J.L. Cain Elementary School
Madeline Sansonetti	Mad Ducks Art Studio
Morgan Parnell	TaySpray Studios
Sophia Liu	
Waleska Reyes	Congaree Elementary
ZaRiah Hunter	J.L. Cain Elementary School

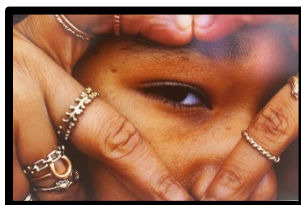
MIDDLE SCHOOL WINNERS



Best in Show Two-Dimensional
Brynn Smith, Ben Lippen School



Best in Show Three-Dimensional
Kamille Reyes, Mad Ducks Art Studio



Best in Show Photography
Alana Garcia, Saluda Trail Middle

Carolina Wren Merit Award:

Kara Newcomer, ALA Lexington

Barbara Ward "Little Flowers" Merit Award:

Lilly Huckeba, Saluda Trail Middle

Middle School Teacher – Lisa Dantzler, Saluda Trail Middle

SIXTH GRADE

Two-Dimensional

First	Eva Dong	MGMS
Second	Jason Mu	Chapin Intermediate School
Third	Sonya Liu	

Three-Dimensional

First	Lila Crowe	Mad Ducks Art Studio
Second	Kaylin Lewis	Mid Carolina Middle
Third	Kennedy Wessinger	Daly Productions Art Class

Photography

First	Keene McCleod	Saluda Trail Middle School
Second	Da'Colin Woods	Saluda Trail Middle School
Third	Newton Flores	York Preparatory Academy

Honorable Mention

Alex Mishio	Saluda Trail Middle School
Anastasia Ringley	Pelion Middle School
Anthony Zhu	Muller Road Middle School
Emma Serra	Pine Ridge Middle School
Grayson Frazier	Saluda Trail Middle School
Harlee Polson	Saluda Trail Middle School
Haven Daves	Conway Middle School
Julia Wang	Meadow Glen Middle School
Knox Quattlebaum	Crayton Middle School
Violet Tolcher	TaySpray Studios

SEVENTH GRADE

Two-Dimension

First	Katherine Ju	Spring Hill Middle School
Second	Grey Nelson	Conway Middle School
Third	Jing Li	Meadow Glen Middle School

Three-Dimensional

First	Ella Keitt	Longleaf Middle School
Second	Sawyer Blizzard	
Third	Zendaya Council	Blythewood Middle School

Photography

First	Major Poston	Lowcountry Homeschool Association
Second	Juleia White	Saluda Trail Middle School
Third	Ellis Bird	Saluda Trail Middle School

Honorable Mention

Adaleigh Corbett	Pleasant Hill Middle School
Ariella Levinson	Beechwood Middle School
Brooke Douglas	Saluda Trail Middle School
Callum White	Crayton Middle
Domonick Albelo	Saluda Trail Middle School
Jy'Rail Campbell	Saluda Trail Middle School
Katie Sue Manning	Crayton Middle School
Loyal Purdie	Pine Ridge Middle School
Olivia Boone	Homeschool
Sawyer Traynum	Ben Lippen Middle School

EIGHTH GRADE

R. Scot Hockman Creativity Award:

Shanaya Nema	Lakeside Middle School
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Two-Dimensional

First	Joyce Wei	Meadow Glen Middle School
Second	Siri Hu	Springhill Middle School
Third	Luna Su	Lakeside Middle School

Three-Dimensional

First	Isley Adkins	Fulmer Middle School
Second	Logan Sturkie	Fulmer Middle School
Third	Amara Aquilar	Crayton Middle School

Photography

First	Nala McCree	Saluda Trail Middle School
Second	Antonio Gaston	Saluda Trail Middle School
Third	ZaKyla Mickens	Saluda Trail Middle School

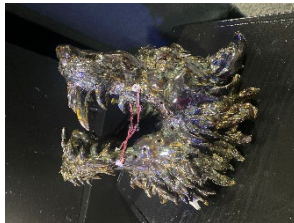
Honorable Mention

Bristol Briggman	Muller Road Middle
Charlotte Knox	Pathways for Scholars
Emily Lin	Spring Hill Middle School
Isabella Kennedy	Beechwood Middle School
Katherine Murphy	Meadow Glen Middle School
Owen Ferrell	Mad Ducks Art Studio
Sadie Daniels	Crayton Middle School
Sage Butler	Crayton Middle School
Shirley Francis	Meadow Glen Middle School
Vivien Eswein	Beechwood Middle School

HIGH SCHOOL WINNERS



Best in Show Two-Dimensional
Kyle Larson, Hilton Head Island High School



Best in Show Three-Dimensional
Madison Sheppard, Dreher High School



Best in Show Photography
Kamryn Koon, Gilbert High School

Carolina Wren Merit Award: Jourdyn Meyer, Brookland Cayce

Barbara Ward "Little Flowers" Merit Award:

Ava Kerwin, Spring Hill High School

High School Educator: Mary Katherine Raines, Dreher High

NINTH GRADE

Two-Dimensional

First	Sree Palakurthi	Spring Valley High School
Second	Shayesta Mohammadi	Brookland Cayce
Third	Veronika Mia Leath	Atlantic Collegiate Academy

Three-Dimensional

First	Austin Finan	Dreher High School
Second	Warner McCarthy	Chapin High School
Third	Kithlee Simons	Ridge View High School

Photography

First	Claudia Halford	Dreher High School
Second	Aubrey Cade	Brookland Cayce High School
Third	Graylenn Smith	River Bluff High School

Honorable Mention

Annie White	South Carolina Connections Academy
Arhan Efe Ari	AC Flora High School
Corey James	Dreher High School
Dillon Harding	South Carolina Connections Academy
Jemma Golder	Lexington High School
Jensen Purcell	Mid-Carolina High School
Luke Murphy	River Bluff High School
Sarah Richter	Dreher High School
Sophie Blow	South Florence High School
Vanessa Kovacs	Dreher High School

TENTH GRADE

Two-Dimensional

First	Sophia Sakal	Hilton Head Island High School
Second	Owen Adams	South Florence High School
Third	Vania Angulo Morillo	Mid-Carolina High School

Three-Dimensional

First	Kalia Kitchen	Lexington High School
Second	Ditya Kariyavra	South Florence High School
Third	Eleana Owens	Lexington High School

Photography

First	Ariana Lawyer	Chapin High School
Second	Kaydon Leonard	Spring Valley High School
Third	Brooks Shirkey	River Bluff High School

Honorable Mention

Brandon Pelayo-Barreda	Mid-Carolina High School
Carson Covington	Chapin High School
Diana Svicarovich	Dreher High School
Eleanor Floyd	Dreher High School
Esther Martin	Lexington High School
Hazel Hegedus	Spring Valley High School
Julian Myers	Ridge View High School
Lily Ballard	Blythewood High School
Persia Cannon	Manning High School
Peyton Bixler	Bix 6 Academy Homeschool

ELEVENTH GRADE

Two-Dimensional

First	Jasper Ramsey	Spring Valley High School
Second	Bethany Chavis	Lexington High School
Third	Alyssa Myers	Lexington High School

Three-Dimensional

First	Abigail Anco	Lexington High School
Second	Kloie Heggie	York Comprehensive High School
Third	Nia Sims	Dreher High School

Photography

First	Tessa Lehman	River Bluff High School
Second	Ana Filich	Chapin High School
Third	Stephane Garcia-Ruiz	Hilton Head Island High School

Honorable Mention

Charles Apple	River Bluff High School Center for Media Arts
Claire Ju	Spring Hill High School
Degan Hang	AC Flora High School
Fennec Griffin	The Fine Arts Center
Jaylyn Maley	Lexington High School
Kaylee Hancock	South Carolina Connections Academy
Lila Yancey	Scholars Academy
McKenzie Dooley	Manning High School
Phoenix McQueen	Lexington High School
Sadie Wooten	Homeschool

TWELFTH GRADE

Two-Dimensional

First	Bryson Thomas	South Florence High School
Second	Braydon Stalvey	Academy for the Arts, Science and Technology
Third	Aubrey Cranford	Hilton Head Island High School

Three-Dimensional

First	Ella Richardson	St. James High School
Second	Eden Dodson	Dreher High School
Third	Ellen Beck	Mayo High School

Photography

First	Seagan Knauff	Lexington High School
Second	Sophie Poteat	River Bluff High School Center for Media Arts
Third	Vivian Koch	

Honorable Mention

Ailey Covington	Academy for the Arts, Science and Technology
Andrea Thompson	River Bluff High School Center for Media Arts
Eve Wells	Ben Lippen School
Habiba Elabdaly	White Knoll High School
Kaylee Gantt	Gilbert High School
Leola Kendall	Spring Valley High School
Madelynn Melton	White Knoll High School
Natalee Kaufman	Dreher High School
Sadie Blackwell	Ben Lippen School
Siena Cooper	Academy for the Arts, Science and Technology



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Thank you to the dedicated staff in the Student Art Department for their hard work making this exhibit happen. They handled a record number of entries with care and attention. We are grateful for your dedication.

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