

*As of April 10, 2017*

**Sophie Hurwitz** '17 (silver for writing portfolio), **Nick Kime** '18 (gold for humor) and **Ella Schmidt** '18 (gold for poetry) are 2017 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards National Medalists; the awards are presented by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. Their work was selected by creative professionals as the most accomplished in the nation. This year, more than 330,000 works of art and writing were submitted. Fewer than 1 percent were recognized at the national level. Students receiving top awards have been invited to attend a ceremony at Carnegie Hall in June and to participate in showcase events at Parsons School for Design at The New School and Pratt Institute's Pratt Manhattan Gallery in New York City.

**J.H. Wagner** '17 will represent Burroughs as the 2017 St. Louis High School Sports Scholar Athlete. He and scholar athletes from other schools will be recognized at Busch Stadium during the Cardinals game on May 2.

Having received a rating of 1 (exemplary) in the St. Louis Metro District 8 Solo and Ensemble Festival, six students advance to the State Solo and Ensemble Festival in late April. Congratulations to **Rafi Brent** '20 (solo French horn and violin quartet), **Nathan Peng** '19 (violin quartet), **Leo Ptasiwicz** '20 (violin quartet), **Lily Sheets** '19 (clarinet solo), **Carrie Zhang** '20 (piano solo) and **Jason Zhou** '19 (violin solo and violin quartet). Congratulations also to the students who received a rating of 2 (outstanding) in the St. Louis Metro competition. They are **Kwayera Burrows** '18 (flute quartet), **Adina Cazacu-De Luca** '20 (clarinet quartet), **Libby Forsen** '17 (flute quartet), **Carly Galvin** '19 (clarinet quartet), **Imani Magare** '17 (flute quartet), **Lily Sheets** '19 (clarinet quartet), **Ann Zhang** '20 (clarinet quartet) and **Penny Zheng** '20 (flute quartet).

Sophomores **Matthew Fan**, **Jan Kasal**, **Ethan Wang** and **Matthew Yee** earned honorable mentions in the ExploraVision competition for their entry, "XFactor: Artificially Assisted Coagulation."

Works by **Henry Abbott** '17, **Henry Arneson** '17, **Clara Arnold** '18, **Sofia Di Lodovico** '19, **Carrie Phillips** '17, **Hallie Williams** '20 and **Max Williams** '17 were included in the Young Artists' Showcase at St. Louis Artists' Guild. A special congratulations to Carrie, whose work, "Converse," received the Jim Firestone Award.

Junior **Jake Bain's** sculpture and sophomore **Jason Zhou's** ceramic piece were accepted for exhibition in the Annual Student Art exhibit at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

**Andrew Newman** (Fine Arts) faculty co-sponsor of THIMUN, participated in an international expert group meeting, which the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) convened in Vienna from March 27 to 28.

**Howard Jones** (Fine Arts) will show his work in the "Off The Walls" exhibit at the Greene County Council on the Arts (Catskill, New York) in April.

**Mike Gesiakowski** (Fine Arts) will show his work at the Yunomi Invitational, AKAR Gallery in Iowa City, Iowa.

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