

SCHOLARSHIPS

Yvonne Ballentine Scholarship

The Ballentine Memorial scholarship is awarded annually to high school seniors who participated in the Reflections program.

The Mary Edith Jones Scholarship is a one-time, \$500 scholarship awarded to a high school graduating senior who plans to pursue higher education at any accredited institute of higher learning.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER!

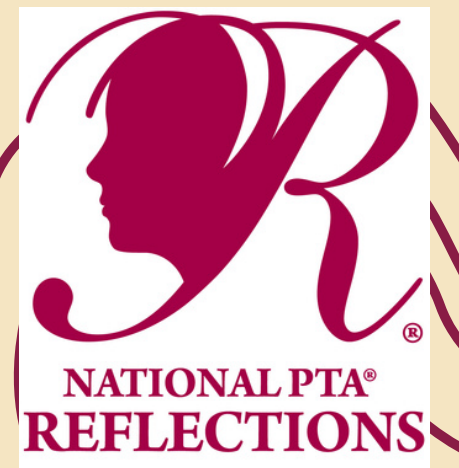
Yvonne Ballentine Scholarship &
Mary Edith Jones Scholarship

MISS KIANNA THOMAS
HUNTSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL



ALABAMA PTA REFLECTIONS

2024 THEME
I AM HOPEFUL
BECAUSE...



ABOUT THE REFLECTIONS PROGRAM

Each year, students in Pre-K through Grade 12 are invited to create and submit original works of art in the areas of Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography and Visual Arts. Based on State PTA rules and guidelines, these works of art may be submitted for state and national level awards and recognition opportunities.



ABOUT THE REFLECTIONS PROGRAM

NATIONAL AWARDS

Of the national-level submissions, over 200 student Reflections participants will receive the following awards from National PTA:

- Merit Award: Bronze Medal; Certificate of Merit; Work featured in the virtual exhibition
- Award of Excellence: \$200 Young Artist Scholarship; Silver Medal; Certificate of Excellence; Work featured in the virtual exhibition
- Outstanding Interpretation Award: \$800 Young Artist Scholarship; Gold Medal; Certificate of Outstanding Interpretation; Work featured in the virtual exhibition; \$200 Prize for Local PTA Unit



CATEGORIES



1ST PLACE

DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY

Primary PK-2

Tisha Nair

Mill Creek
Elementary
School
Madison City

Intermediate 3-5

**Mallie
Rickman**

John E Bryan
Elementary
School
Jefferson
County

Middle School 6-8

**Rosalyn
Williams**

Causey Middle
School
Mobile County

High School 9-12

Emily Osmer

Huntsville
High School
Huntsville

Dance Choreography

PK-2

Tisha Nair

Mill Creek Elementary School

Madison City

Dance in the Glow of Hope

“I am hopeful because I love and celebrate the festival of lights “Diwali”. It reminds us that there is always hope and brightness even when things seem pretty hard. I wish to dance more and more in the glow of hope and I believe that goodness wins over evil in the end.”



Dance Choreography

Intermediate 3-5

Mallie Rickman

John E Bryan Elementary School
Jefferson County

Rise Up

“I am thankful that God blessed me with the ability to move my feet more or less dance and also a dance studio and the employees that work there and a way for my Mom and Dad to have a vehicle to get me to classes. Specially my tap teacher Cheryl Kaye Marshall who also has a career in New York with Dorrance Dance.



Dance Choreography

Middle School 6-8

Rosalyn Williams

Causey Middle School
Mobile

Million Dreams

I'm hopeful because I have a lot of big dreams that I know I will achieve if I work hard enough. This dance is called "A Million Dreams," and it shows that I see my future where I accomplish my goals and dreams. Dance makes me so happy, and this dance shows that it does. Dance isn't just a hobby, it's one of a million dreams that I have. I am really looking forward to continuing it in the future. Hopeful means something that inspires someone and dance is what inspires me to keep going and trying.



Dance Choreography

High School 9-12

Emily Osmer

Huntsville High School
Huntsville

Hope Remains

I'm hopeful because I believe there is a promise and something to look towards when you feel like you're in the midst of nothing. There is a promise of truth and joy that sustains us in the hard times. Even if we ignore it, it is still there. It fuels us to keep going forward even when there is doubt.



2ND PLACE

DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY

Primary PK-2

Peyton Keedy

✦ Snow Rogers
Elementary School
Jefferson County
Improv Dance



Intermediate 3-5

**Sawyer
Harrison**

Mill Creek
Elementary School
Madison City
All the Colors



Middle School 6-8

Laya Gowder

Liberty Middle
School
Madison City
This Too Shall
Pass



High School 9-12

**Oviya
Gowder**

James Clemons
High School
Madison City
Resilience



3RD PLACE

DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY

Intermediate 3-5

Natalie Smith

Bear Exploration
Center
Montgomery

Living Hope



Middle School 6-8

Dawn De St. Germain

Causey Middle School
Mobile

Someone to Love



1ST PLACE

FILM PRODUCTION

Intermediate 3-5

Haleigh Patton

Jones Valley
Elementary
School

Huntsville

Middle School 6-8

**Elizabeth
Peterson**

Liberty Middle
School

Madison City

Film Production Intermediate

Haleigh Patton

Jones Valley Elementary School
Huntsville

Brave



Learning to ride my bike was one of the hardest things I ever had to do. I was so scared that I would fall and hurt myself. My daddy told me to be be brave. He said being brave doesn't mean you can't be scared. I was hopeful that being brave would help me conquer my fears.






Film Production Middle School Elizabeth Peterson



Liberty Middle School
Madison City

The Opinions on Hope

I asked 5 people a series of questions about hope and got responses from it. I then explained ways to stay hopeful.



2ND PLACE

FILM PRODUCTION



Intermediate 3-5

Norah Basham

Midtown
Elementary
School
Madison City

Hope A
Scientific &
Logical
Approach

Middle School 6-8

Jack Phillips

Liberty Middle
School
Madison City

Shades of Hope

3RD PLACE

FILM PRODUCTION

Intermediate 3-5

Emma Dinges

Hampton Cove
Elementary
School
Huntsville

They Matter

Middle School 6-8

Wyatt Deylius

Liberty Middle
School
Madison City

The Dream

1ST PLACE LITERATURE

Hope is my Strength

Silver Lining

Look Up

Blossoming Hope

Primary PK-2

Inayah Sohel

Midtown
Elementary
School
Madison City



Intermediate 3-5

Brookley
Sanders

Bear Exploration
Center
Montgomery
County



Middle School 6-8

Eleri Sanders

Liberty Middle
School
Madison City



High School 9-12

Anaya Naphade

James Clemons
High School
Madison City



You can find all the 1st Place Literature entries here.

2ND PLACE LITERATURE

My Hair Puff's

I am Hopeful Because...

Begin Again

Blossoming Hope

Primary PK-2

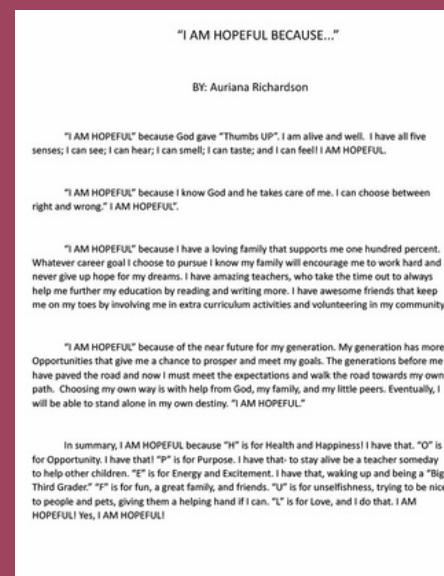
Jariah Rothschild

Mary B. Austin
Elementary
School
Mobile



Intermediate 3-5

Ariana
Richardson
Halcyon
Elementary
Montgomery
County



Middle School 6-8

Anjana Raman

Discovery
Middle School
Madison City



High School 9-12

Maryam Kahn

Lamp High
School
Montgomery
County



You can find all the 2nd Place Literature entries here.

3RD PLACE LITERATURE

Believing in Woman and Girl

Hopeful

Mathlete=Artist?

Spring

Primary PK-2

Norah Ward

Challenger
Elementary
School
Huntsville

Intermediate 3-5

Aaliyah Misora

W.C. Griggs
Elementary
Mobile County

Middle School 6-8

Jeffrey Duan

Liberty Middle
School
Madison City

High School 9-12

**Kimberly
Besherse**

Bob Jones High
School
Madison City

[You can find all the 3rd Place Literature entries here.](#)

1ST PLACE MUSIC COMPOSITION

Watch me

Sunshine Valley

When I Fall

Daughter

Primary PK-2

Brian Allen

Bear Exploration
Center
Montgomery
County

Intermediate 3-5

Norah Basham

Midtown
Elementary
School
Madison City

Middle School 6-8

Wylie Savage

Journey Middle
School
Madison City

High School 9-12

Kenimer Lewis

Virgil Grissom
High School
Huntsville

Music Composition

PK-2

Brian Allen

Bear Explorations Center
Montgomery County

Watch Me

“THIS YEAR, THE THEME IS "I AM HOPEFUL BECAUSE..." MY SONG EXPLAINS WHY I AM HOPEFUL. EVEN THOUGH THINGS GET HARD, AND THE WORLD IS NOT ALWAYS GOOD, I CAN DO ANYTHING I SET MY MIND TO. IN MY SONG, I EXPLAIN HOW IF I TRY HARD AND WORK AT IT, I CAN DO IT. I AM HOPEFUL BECAUSE I CAN DO ANYTHING- JUST WATCH ME.”



Music Composition

Intermediate 3-5

Nora Basham

Midtown Elementary School
Madison City

Sunshine Valley.

“Sunshine Valley is an imaginary place I invented that helps me better imagine hope. Its different characteristics display traits of hope. I decided to express Sunshine Valley & hope through music, because whenever I’m feeling down, music gives me hope and picks me back up. Comparing hope to something else helps me understand its beauty. For example, the arpeggio ending the piece displays how peaceful hope leaves things. When I compare peace to Sunshine Valley, I think of smelling lavender in a meadow. The relaxing scales and arpeggios display the comfort of hope, like rolling under the sun and picking daisies.”

Music Composition Middle School

Wylie Savage

Journey Middle School
Madison City

When I Fall

“I wrote this song after going through a tough time in sports. I had a coach that didn't see my value. He put me on the bench even though I did my best. My friends stuck by my side and I found a new team. Having new coaches express excitement about me reminded me how important it is to have friends that stick by you and see your value. I feel hopeful knowing there are friends and people in the world that I can connect to. We can stick together and have each other's backs..”






Music Composition High School


Kenimer Lewis

Virgil Grissom High School
Huntsville

Daughter



“My grandfather was sent to the Vietnam War at 19 years old, my composition aims to reflect my grandfather’s harsh conditions aboard ship and convey to the audience how his unborn daughter gave him hope to persevere through the adversary. I interviewed my grandfather, intending to share his story of clinging to hope when hope seems so far away. I desire for Daughter (A Reason To Hope) to inspire others to keep pushing, the way, he persevered through war times so he could return home and found hope waiting in the infant life of his Daughter, born while at war.”



2ND PLACE MUSIC COMPOSITION

Rise Up

Primary PK-2

Nora Ward

Challenger
Elementary
School
Huntsville

Hope to Joy

Intermediate 3-5

Matthew Ng

Horizon
Elementary
Madison City



I am Hopeful to Create a Brighter Future

Middle School 6-8

Ishita Rajput

Liberty Middle
School
Madison City

Hope

High School 9-12

**Karsten
Wallace**

Bob Jones
High School
Madison City



3RD PLACE MUSIC COMPOSITION

Hopeful Beauty

Intermediate 3-5

Oliver Simmons

Challenger
Elementary
Huntsville

The World in my Hands

Middle School 6-8

Jason Martin

Hampton Cove
School
Huntsville

Back to Hope

High School 9-12

**Seoeun Jessica
Kim**

Booker T
Washington
Magnet High
School
Montgomery

1ST PLACE PHOTOGRAPHY

Primary PK-2

Jake Price

Jones Valley
Elementary
School
Huntsville

Intermediate 3-5

**Adalynn
Loomis**

Midtown
Elementary
School
Madison City

Middle School 6-8

Noah Hix

Denton Magnet
School of Tech
Mobile

High School 9-12

Emily Jolley

James Clemons
High School
Madison City

Special Artist

**Jadon F
Williams**

Johnnie Carr
Middle School
Montgomery
County

Photography

Primary K-2

Jake Price

A Butterfly Eats Pollen

I am hopeful because we were able to grow flowers in our garden this year. Now we butterflies can eat and have a habitat to live in, which is important because their habitats are being destroyed.



Photography Intermediate 3-5

Adalynn Loomis

Inch by Inch



I took this picture while hiking in the forest. This caterpillar was so small. I watched as it inched along. Sometimes it would stop and I would think it wouldn't go any further. But then it kept inching along. It gave me hope that even though I'm small if I keep inching along, I can achieve my goals.



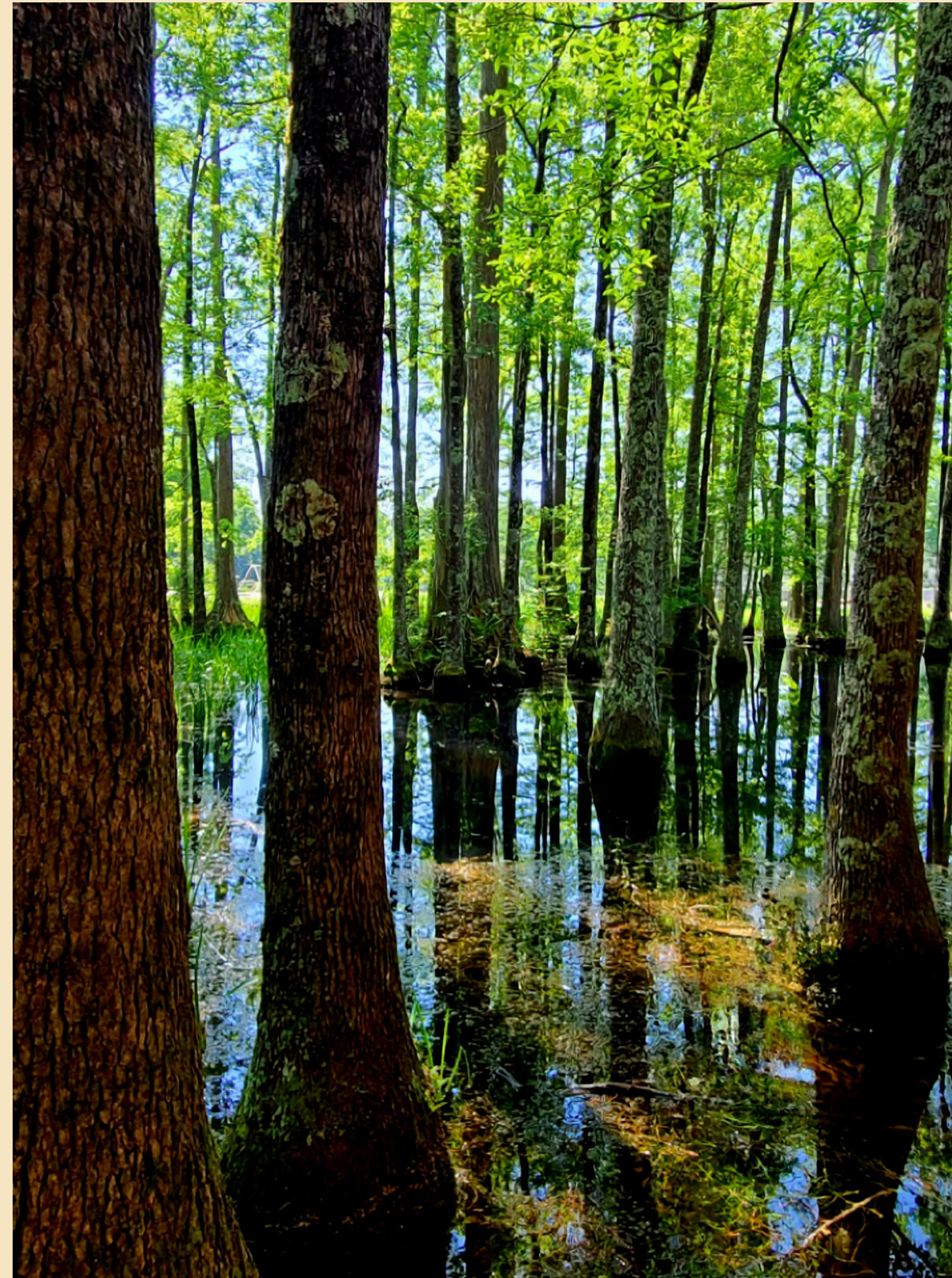
I have hope because when the world seems big, we have the power to keep going inch by inch.

Photography

Middle School 6-8

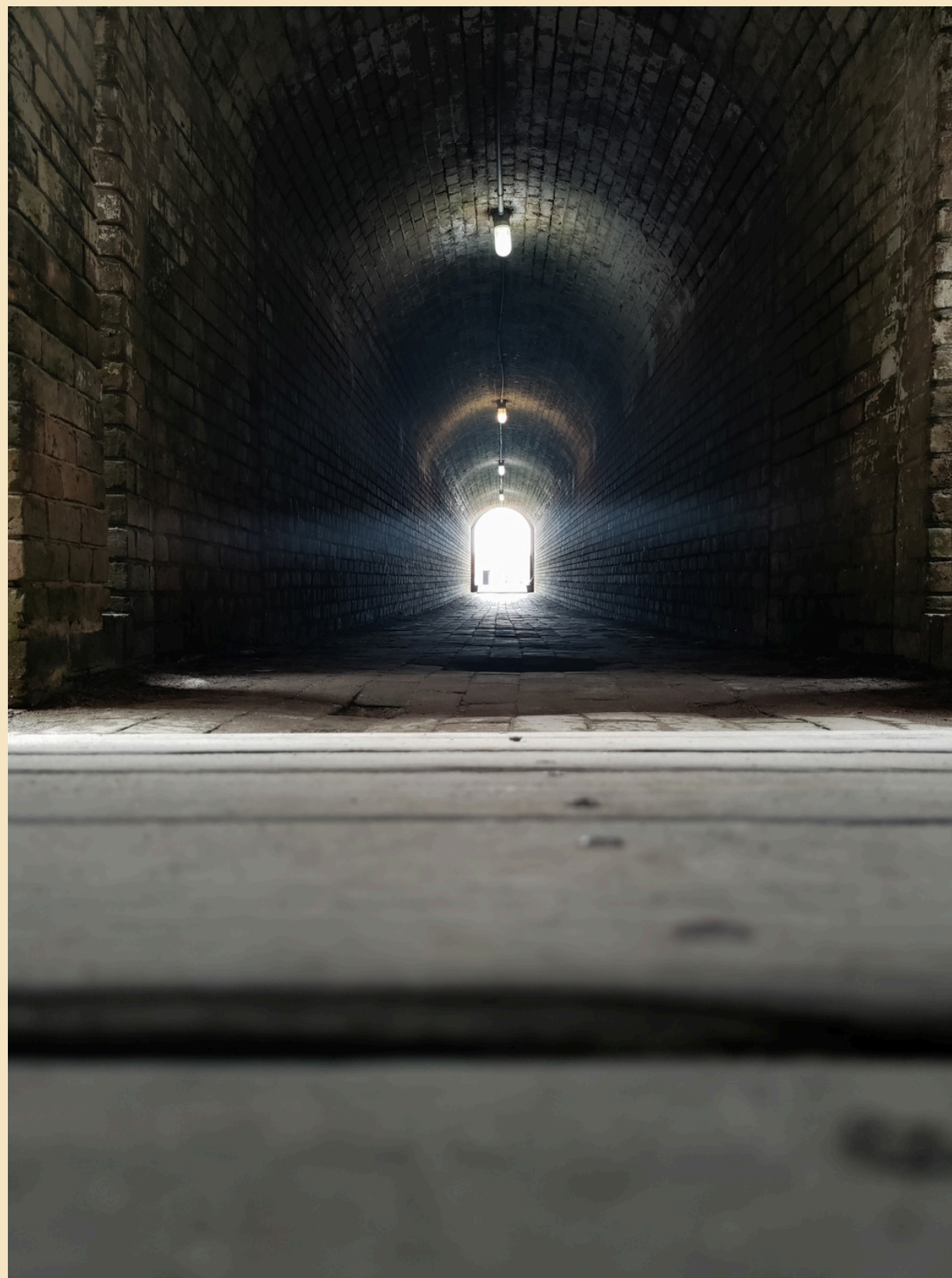
Noah Hix

The Serenity of the Forest



Photography High School 9-12

Emily Jolley
Light is Coming



Photography Special Artist

Jadon Franklin Williams

Peacock in the Farmers Market



2ND PLACE PHOTOGRAPHY

Primary PK-2

**Anthony
Hilderbrand**
Midtown
Elementary
School
Madison City

Intermediate 3-5

Luke Roland
W.C. Griggs
Mobile County

Middle School 6-8

Anna King
Causey Middle
School
Mobile County

High School 9-12

Kelsey Clark
John L Leflore
Magnet High
School
Mobile County

Photography 2nd Place

I Love Foxy



Anthony Hilderbrand, Primary

My Mom



Luke Roland, Intermediate

Oakleigh



Anna King, Middle School



Kelsey Clark, High School

3RD PLACE PHOTOGRAPHY

Primary PK-2

Colin Kimble

Bear Exploration
Center
Montgomery

Intermediate 3-5

Aubrey Hudson

Bear Explortion
Center
Montgomery

Middle School 6-8

Amelia Johnson

Baldwin Arts &
Academin
Magnet
Montgomery

High School 9-12

Kaylee Carter

Booker T.
Washington
Magnet High
School
Montgomery

Photography 3rd Place

God Gives Me Hope



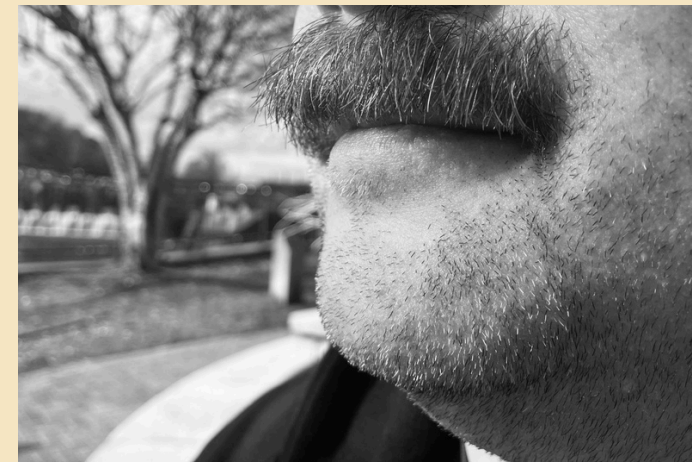
Colin Kimble, Primary
Bear Exploration Center
Montgomery

Rays of Hope



Aubrey Hudson, Intermediate
Bear Exploration Center
Montgomery

Freedom and Hope



Amelia Johnson, Middle School
Baldwin Arts and Academic Magnet
Montgomery

Brotherly Love



Kaylee Clark, High School
Booker T. Washington Magnet High School
Montgomery

1ST PLACE VISUAL ARTS

Primary PK-2

Lauren Lee

Forest Avenue
Academic Magnet
Montgomery

Intermediate 3-5

Eric DeWeese

Forest Avenue
Academic Magnet
Montgomery

Middle School 6-8

Yifei Chen

Baldwin Arts &
Academic Magnet
Montgomery

High School 9-12

Stanley Chen

Booker T
Washington
Magnet High
School
Montgomery

Special Artist

Andra Wilson

Columbia High
School
Huntsville

Visual Arts

Primary K-2

Lauren Lee
Loving Animals

I am hoping to be a good vet. I love to care about animals and feel happy when I help the animals and see them getting better. I am hoping to be a good vet and to make all animals happy and healthy.



Visual Arts

Intermediate 3-5

Eric DeWeese

Don't Crush Mr. Crab's Hope

I am hopeful that animals and plants in the ocean will thrive in an ecosystem without litter and pollution caused by humans. I am hopeful because I believe we are getting better at reducing waste and not polluting the ocean so that marine life like this crab can live a happy and healthy life in a clean environment. I hope that we appreciate and love all animals in the ocean, and not just the conventionally cute animals like polar bears and otters. In this watercolor, the crab is trying to put away an aluminum can that was tossed into the ocean but needs our help. The roses and other flowers around the crab evoke a feeling of love and appreciation for this crustacean.



Visual Arts

Yifei Chen

Middle School 6-8

Submerged Justice

My piece is symbolic of my hope for there to be more justice and equality in the world. Lady Justice is the embodiment of the morality in our justice system. In my piece, I painted her underwater as a way of expressing how sometimes our society values money and connections more than equality. The doves, other than having a sharp contrast with the backdrop, symbolizes my brittle hope for justice in our society to be restored.



Visual Arts

Stanley Chen

High School 9-12

Piecing the Future

The art piece created exemplifies the growth and developments of evolution by each passing generation, through incorporating chimpanzees, humans, and a technology side of metallic and fragmented panes in the human form to show the next setp into the future. I am hopeful for all the achievements accomplished through each generation that our future will shine and develop even further and accomplish more developments through what has been established a an already strong base.





Visual Arts Special Artist

Andra Wilson

Up On The Hill

This artwork entry is acrylic paint on white canvas. It is a painting of Alabama A & M University. I am hopeful because college is in my future. This painting shows my future college. My hope is that I graduate from high school and do well in college. I am hopeful that I will focus, learn, listen, and make new friends.



2ND PLACE VISUAL ARTS

Primary PK-2

Cailyn Shon

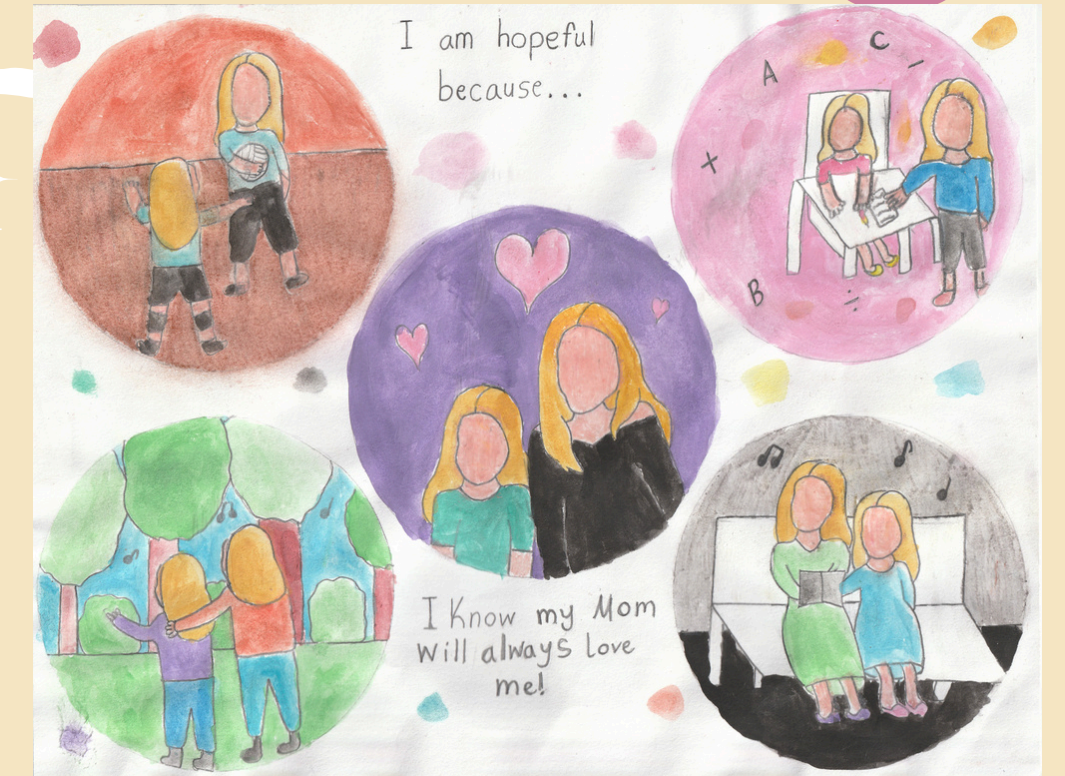
Forest Avenue
Academic Magnet
Montgomery



Intermediate 3-5

Lucy Anderson

Madison
Elementary
Madison City



Middle School 6-8

Sylvia Kim

Baldwin Arts &
Academic Magnet
Montgomery



High School 9-12

Seoyun Ha

Pike Road High
School
Montgomery



3RD PLACE VISUAL ARTS



Primary PK-2

Rhema Gosier

Mill Creek
Elementary
Madison City

Intermediate 3-5

**Avery Grace
Stanton**

Bear Exploration
Center
Montgomery



Middle School 6-8

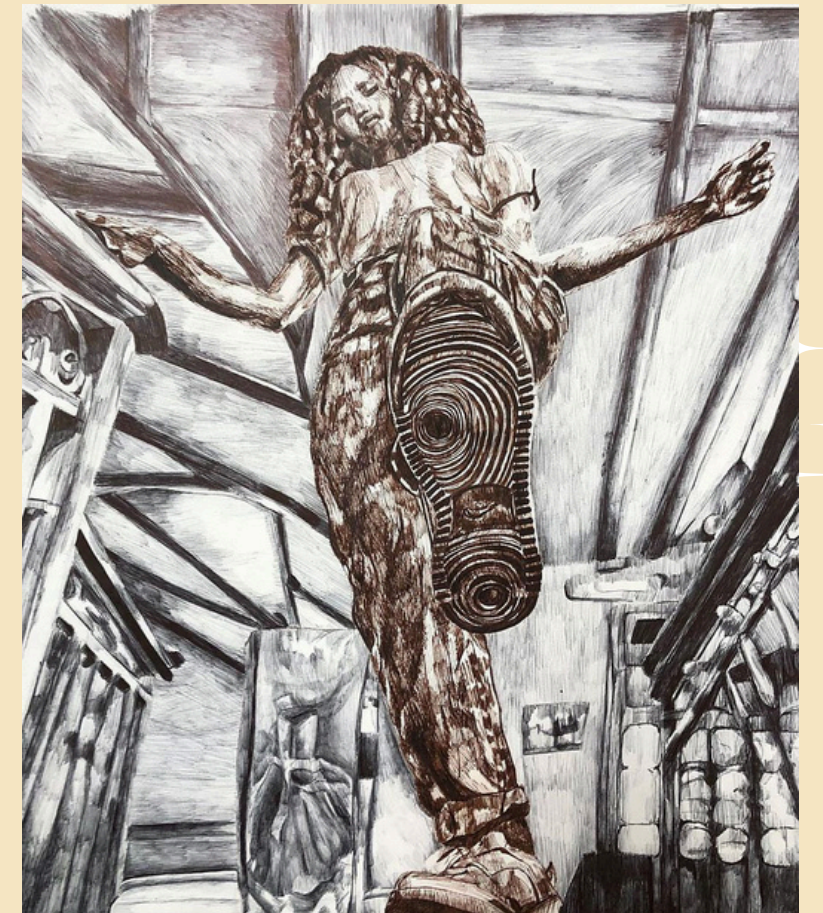
Engyumi Jo

Baldwin Arts &
Academic Magnet
Montgomery

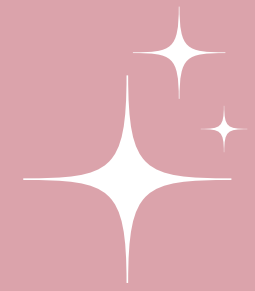
High School 9-12

Olivia Hoit

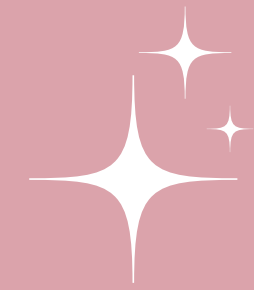
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Washington Magnet
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Montgomery



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!



ALL participants will receive a certificate.



All students who placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd will receive a certificate and a medal.