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Dear Educator,

Congratulations!

The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, the nonprofit organization that presents the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, is pleased to present one or more of your students with the following National Medals:

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Work Title</u>	<u>Awards</u>	<u>Category</u>
Nguyen, Catherine	Facing Facts	Silver Medal	Personal Essay/Memoir
Nguyen, Catherine	The Story of a Tiger Child	Silver Medal	Personal Essay/Memoir

We hope you will share this remarkable achievement with your school and community. Nearly 340,000 works of art and writing were submitted to the 2019 Scholastic Awards. Your student's work was selected by some of the foremost leaders in the visual and literary arts for excellence in originality, technical skill, and the emergence of a personal voice or vision. Receiving a National Medal places your student(s) within the top 1% of all submissions!

Since 1923, the Awards have celebrated teen artists and writers from across the country. Your student(s) are now a part of that legacy, joining the ranks of celebrated alumni like artists Andy Warhol, Robert Indiana, and Kay WalkingStick; writers Sylvia Plath, Truman Capote, and Joyce Carol Oates; and filmmakers Lena Dunham and Ken Burns. This year we're pleased to present the 2019 Alumni Achievement Award to astronomer Dr. Lucianne Walkowicz, who received a Scholastic Award for painting in 1996. No matter what paths your student(s) pursue, we hope this recognition will open doors for them and inspire them to achieve new heights.

As National Medalist(s), we are proud to publish your student's work in our Online Galleries at artandwriting.org in June. Their name(s) will also be listed in the 2019 Yearbook, a companion publication to The Best Teen Art and The Best Teen Writing anthologies.



Once again, the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, our supporters, and our partners are pleased to honor your student(s). If you have any questions, please contact us at info@artandwriting.org.

Sincerely,

Virginia McEnerney

Executive Director

Alliance for Young Artists & Writers