

National Federation of Poetry Societies

2024 Manningham Student Trust Poetry Contest Winners

I am pleased to announce the results of the 2024 Manningham Student Trust Poetry Contests. We had 101 total entries from 22 states, plus Washington, DC. I would like to thank our judges for this year's contests, M. Palowski Moore from Kansas – Senior Division, grades 9-12, and John Hinton from Indiana – Junior Division, grades 6-8. They gave their time and expertise to read all these poems and make the difficult decisions of selecting the winners.

Congratulations to all the students who entered this year and to their teachers, who helped them learn how to express their feelings in such creative ways. Please keep writing and submit to the contest again this year for the 2025 contest. **The submission period will be September 15, 2024 through November 15, 2024 for the 2025 contest. Guidelines can be found on our website: www.nfsps.com. On the left side of the page, click on poetry contests, then click on Manningham Trust Student Poetry contest.** Winners will be notified in 2025.

Here are the students who were selected by our judges for the 2024 Contests:

Junior Division:

1st place: “Shadows”

Noelle Swing, The Marylhurst School, Oregon City, Oregon

2nd place: “The Crow”

Sydney Nguyen, Falcon Creek Middle School, Aurora, Colorado

3rd place: “Spirit of the Wind”

Bailey Hostetler, The Marylhurst School, Oregon City, Oregon

4th place: “Flower Buds”

Kaitlyn Engle, Baxter Community School, Baxter, Iowa

5th place: “Finity”

Dane Olsen, St. Margaret’s Episcopal School, San Juan Capistrano, California

1st HM: “Honesty”

Broward Kavanaugh, Bolles Middle School, Jacksonville, Florida

2nd HM: “Music”

Luisa Sanz, Maret School, Washington, DC

This student lives in Maryland but the school is in Washington, DC.

3rd HM: “Progress”

Dhaani Ailawadhi, The Bolles School, Jacksonville, Florida

4th HM: “The Heart of Humanity”

Benjamin Nelson, Falcon Creek Middle School, Aurora, Colorado

5th HM: “Knife to the Wings”

Piper Redman, Baxter Middle School, Baxter, Iowa

Senior Division:

1st place: “Bà nôi”

Benjamin Ta, The Overlake School, Redmond, Washington

2nd Place: “Goodbye”

Hannah He, Livingston High School, Livingston, New Jersey

3rd Place: “Lucky Fish”

Allison Xu, Walter Johnson High School, Bethesda, Maryland

4th Place: “Inter-Dimensional Telephone”

Emelie Allen, Maret School, Washington, DC

5th Place: “The Back Row”

Devin Jennings, Middle Creek High School, Apex, North Carolina

1st HM: “a whispered tour”

Leonardo Chung, Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, New Hampshire

This student’s home address is Illinois, but the school is in New Hampshire.

2nd HM: “I Wonder”

Olivia Merila, Warrenton High School, Warrenton, Oregon

3rd HM: “Wasi (House)”

Katherine Pumayalli, Telluride High School, Telluride, Colorado

4th HM: “Running at Night”

Kade Parker, A-C Central High School, Ashland, Illinois

5th HM: “Take a Deep Breath”

Samah Shummo, Alexandria City High School, Alexandria, Virginia

Congratulations again to all the students who received recognition in the 2024 Manningham Student Trust Poetry Contests and to all those who entered!

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