

National Federation of Poetry Societies 2023 Manningham Student Trust Poetry Contest

JUNIOR DIVISION

Judge: Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd, MN

1st place: “His Silhouette”

Leah Rodriguez, Union School, Joliet IL

2nd place: “Light a Million Fires into the Dark”

Ella McCandless, North Little Rock Middle School, North Little Rock, AR

3rd place: “Bittersweet”

Jill Hasara, Kankakee Valley Middle School, Wheatfield, IN

4th place: “Tag”

Emily McKell, Falcon Creek Middle School, Aurora, CO

5th place: “Out the window”

Katherine Mellinger, Falcon Creek Middle School, Aurora, CO

1st HM: “Dreamful Nightmare”

Shilo Swenson, South Cache Middle School, Hyrum, UT

2nd HM: “That voice that says ‘perfect’

Olivia Parrie, Baxter Middle School, Baxter, IA

3rd HM: “Bestie”

Eleanor Hintz, King Philip Middle School, West Hartford, CT

4th HM: “A fall change”

Delphi Lonsdale, Prairieview School, Waukee, IA

5th HM: “Common Yellowthroat”

Rubina Wiedemer, Home School, Scappoose, OR

Certificate(s) of Merit(in no particular order):

“Overcoming a Challenge”

Emma Beswick, Falcon Creek Middle School, Aurora, CO

“Mindless Justice”

Hayden Taylor, Batesville Junior High School, Batesville, AR

“Freedom”

Faye Klutke, Pine View School, Osprey, FL

“Overnight, it all burned down”

Max Wilhite, South Jordan Middle School, South Jordan, UT

SENIOR DIVISION

Judge: Elizabeth Kerlikowske, Kalamazoo, MI

1st place: “ROYGBIV”

Samuel Smith, West Ridge High School, Blountville, TN

2nd Place: “Ode to Old Man”

Daniella Torres, Plainfield East High School, Plainfield IL

3rd Place: “Barbed Wire”

Stella Abarca, Plainfield East High School, Plainfield IL

4th Place: “Question Marks”

Rainer Pasca, Bay Shore High School, Bay Shore, NY

5th Place: “this is the autumn”

Allison Xu, Walter Johnson High School, Bethesda, MD

1st HM: “What We Are Owed”

Samantha Olvey, Mount St Mary Academy, Little Rock, AR

2nd HM: “Worse for Wear”

Victoria Pudova, Brooklyn Latin School, Brooklyn NY

3rd HM: “Hot Tub in a Heat Wave”

Chase Balas, South Salem High School, Salem, OR

4th HM: “Themselves”

Natalie Conklin, Souhegan High School, Amherst, NH

5th HM: “Wallflower .25¢”

Matilda Harris, Cache High School, Logan, UT

Certificate of Merit:

“I don’t like poetry”

Locklyn Wilchynski, Mississippi School of the Arts, Brookhaven High School, Brookhaven, MS