Scholastic Art Awards Press Release
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The Scholastic Art Awards- WI Regional Exhibition
February 4 – March 19, 2023
Milwaukee Art Museum

The Scholastic competition and exhibition is the nation's longest running, most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in grades 7-12. (**Earning a Scholastic Art Award is very prestigious, similar to earning a National Merit Scholar Award.**)

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the national Scholastic Art Awards program, which acknowledges excellence in the visual arts and encourages the artistic endeavors of young people throughout the United States.

A jury of regional arts professionals, including artists, university faculty, and gallerists, selects the works from approximately 2,500 submissions across 16 categories. Works are selected based on originality, technical skill, and the emergence of a personal voice. The Gold and Silver Keys (more than 350 artworks from across the state) can be viewed from Feb 4 - Mar 19, 2023 at the Milwaukee Art Museum, who has hosted the regional portion of the exhibition since 1976.

The Silver Key Award denotes statewide recognition. Artworks awarded a Gold Key are displayed regionally and then compete at the national level in New York. Historically, many award winners go on to achieve distinction in the fine arts, applied arts, and design, often crediting their success to the early recognition they received as participants in Scholastic.

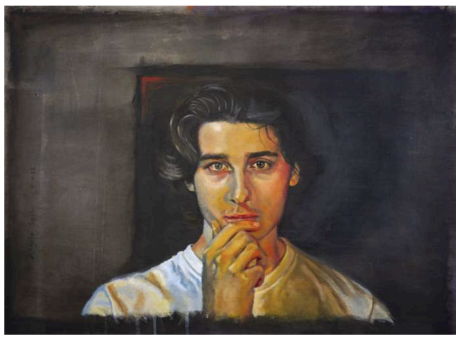
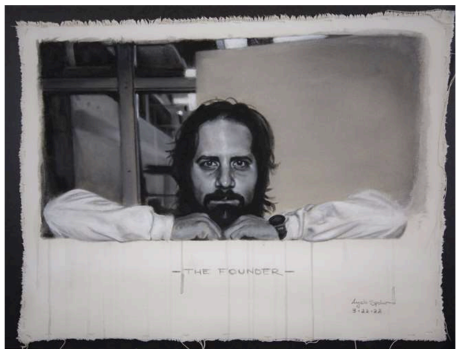
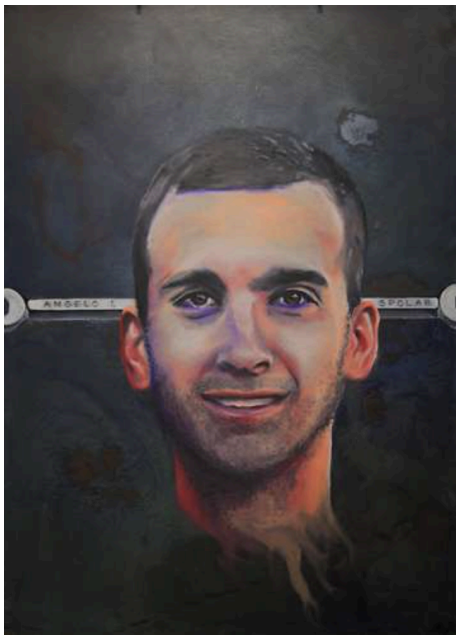
This year, Nicolet students earned 19 awards of recognition *(Honorable Mention, Silver Keys, Gold Keys, and a Silver Senior Portfolio)* **listed below:** *36% award rate (52 entries overall)*



ART PORTFOLIOS

Entrants:

Angelo Spolar
Leah Gaffney

Silver Key Portfolio		
Angelo Spolar - Individualism		
		
		

(statement below)

Angelo Statement:

Most kids grew up in their house. That's where the bus dropped them off after school, that's where they did their homework, that's where they had their friends over. Not me.

I grew up in an art studio–an "architectural art and design studio" is how my dad describes it. My parents founded and operate it, assisted by a handful of other designers and fabricators.

My time there started when I was around three or four and my parents started bringing me along with them to work. I remember being three feet tall, walking around this huge industrial building in downtown Milwaukee, completely awestruck by everything around me. On one wall would be a thirty-foot-wide mural that required scaffolding to reach the top, and on another would be engraved metal plaques inscribed with the names of important-sounding donors. Despite being a little intimidated by this place, I had immediate ambitions to become an artist.

The decade that followed those first innocent visits saw the studio become a sanctuary for my most prized personal projects. The same walls that hung the murals that sent my spine tingling as a kid became the birthplace of hundreds of my own works of art. I became a student of portraiture, I produced original automotive designs, and I even dabbled in graphic design.

But as my artistic skills have flourished over the years, so did my admiration and curiosity for the work around me. When I was around ten, I became much more involved with the real projects at the studio, and I haven't since stopped. From early conceptual meetings to final onsite installations, I've been part of every facet of the studio's inner workings, and have picked up quite a bit along the way.

INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES

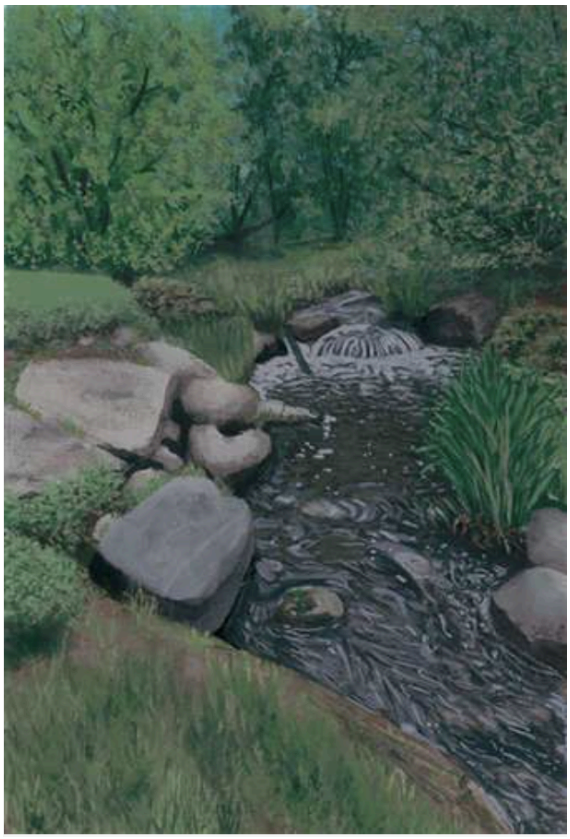
Entrants:

Petra Baker x 2
Imogen Croft x 4
Isabella (Cedar) Erato x 2
Georgia Holton x 2
Liana Lima x 2
Angelo Spolar x 7
Alexandra Timmerman
Delaney Voigt
Makaiya Wilson x 5
Eva Zaretzke x 4

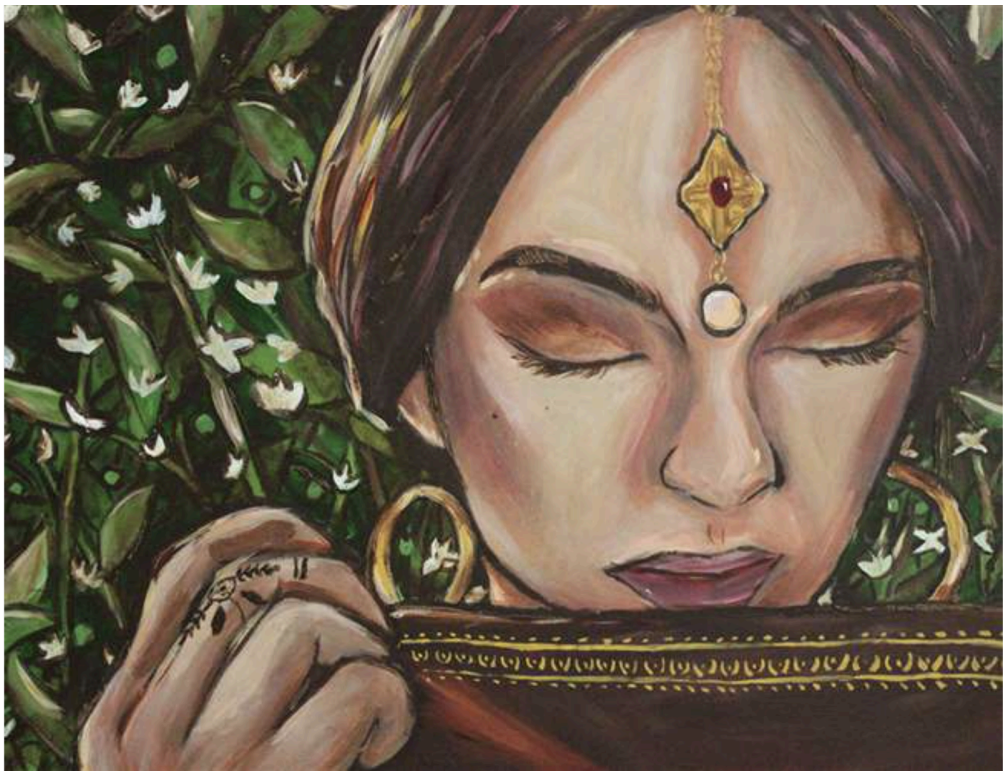
Arina Baranoff x 2
Jaia Underwood
Eugene Nelson x 3
Zoe Lauder x 3
Leah Gaffney x 2
Hjordis Leuteritz x 2
Vivienne Content x 4
Francesca Hendricks
Kate Koffman

Honorable Mention WInners

Liana Lima - 11 - Daffodils - Drawing & Illustration	
Petra Baker - 11 - Covielle on a String - Mixed Media	

Imogen Croft - 12 - May Current - Painting	
Alexandra Timmerman - 12 - Airplane Blues - Mixed Media	

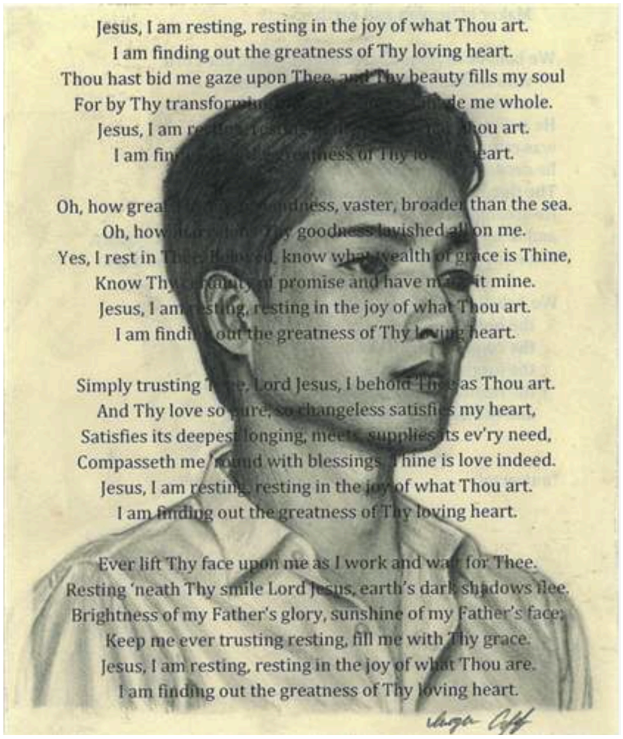
Georgia Holton - 12 - Last of the Season - Painting	
Isabella (Cedar) Erato - 10 - Dress Rehearsal - Mixed Media	

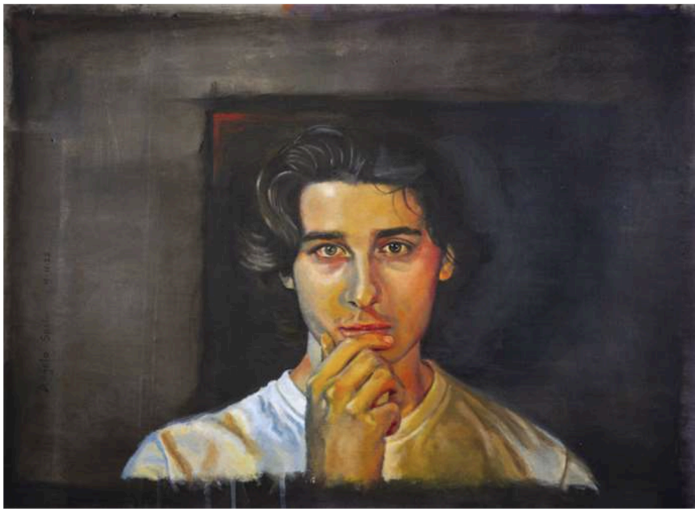
Makaiya Wilson - 12 - Henna - Mixed Media	
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Eva Zaretzke - 11 - Sinking In - Painting	

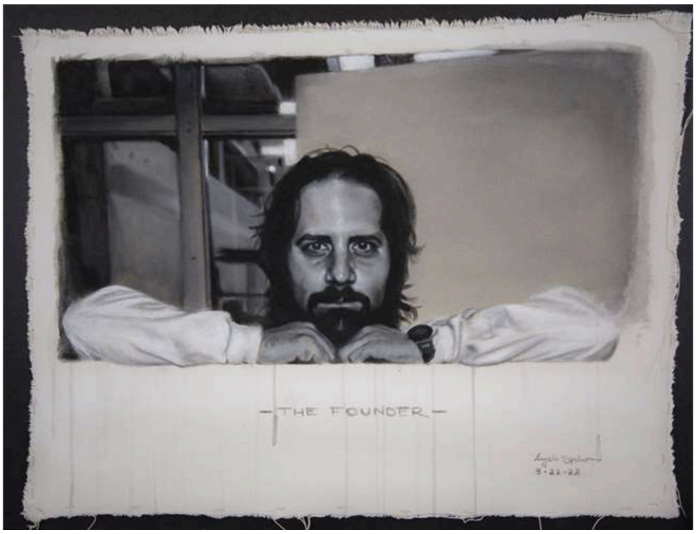
Silver Key Winners

Petra Baker - 11 - Metaphysical Jungle	

Imogen Croft - 12 - Consigliere - Drawing & Illustration	
Imogen Croft - 12 - Preparation - Painting	

Angelo Spolar - 12 - The Artist	
Angelo Spolar - 12 - The Voice	
Angelo Spolar - 12 - The Grandmother	

Gold Key Winners

Angelo Spolar - 12 - The Bride	
Angelo Spolar - 12 - The Founder	
Delaney Voigt - 10 - Play Your Hand	