

Congratulations to the students who were honored at the 2026 SCSC Writing Contest authors reception on May 4. This program was a partnership between SCSC and the Minnesota State University, Mankato education department. Education students served as contest judges and provided feedback to K–12 students on their writing entries. Students received a certificate and copy of the print anthology.

An e-book version of the anthology can be found at
<https://mlpp.pressbooks.pub/scscwritingcontest2026>

Honorees:

Poetry

A Challenge Begun by Scott Allen, Fairmont High School
A Story for Her by Ryker Bayerkohler, Southwest Middle School, Albert Lea
Adventures Big and Small by Quinn Burns,
The High Ropes Adventure by Sidney Cunning, Fairmont High School
Stranger Than a Dream by Daniela V. Eдорh, Mankato East High School
Take Me by Daniela V. Eдорh, Mankato East High School
Writing a Story by Daniela V. Eдорh, Mankato East High School
An Adventurous Life by JiaXin Fan, Dakota Meadows Middle School, Mankato
Adventures in Nature by Kaleigh Gendron, Grace Christian School, Mankato
High Ropes by Severin Graczyk, Fairmont High School
My Proud Adventure by Audrey Haugen, Fairmont High School
Feelings Up in the Sky by Faith Kain, Fairmont High School
The High Ropes Adventure by Jackson Lewis, Fairmont High School
Climbing Past Fear by Maricio Parades, Fairmont High School
I Finally Found You by Raelyn Schuler, Mayer Lutheran Middle School,
Racing the Ropes by Callen Spear, Fairmont High School
Wild and Free by Dawson Szafryk, Fairmont High School

Fiction

The Very Dangerous Adventure by Vienna Augedahl, Caledonia Area Elementary School
A Small War by Ryker Bayerkohler, Southwest Middle School, Albert Lea
Below the Waves by Ainsley Berger, New Ulm Middle School
When Branches Break by Ainsley Berger, New Ulm Middle School
Serenville by Elsie Bienfang, St. Peter Middle School
The Adventurous Battle to Freedom by Thane Conway, Caledonia Area Elementary School
Scary Day at the Mall by Sidney Cunning, Fairmont High School
In It 'Till the End by Adalyn Doering, Caledonia Area Elementary School
The Other Side by Kenzi Eglinton, Caledonia Area Elementary School

Exploring Space by Lincoln Engan, Caledonia Area Elementary School
The Time Trap by Graham Engen, Caledonia Area Elementary School
Swept Away by Lenox Frauenkron, Caledonia Area Elementary School
The Cave Adventure by Severin Graczyk, Fairmont High School
The Prehistoric Adventure by Cade Gueltzow, Caledonia Area Elementary School
The Magical Gumdrop by Linnea Gunderson, St. Paul's Lutheran, New Ulm
The Roblox Game by Audrey Haugen, Fairmont High School
Two Years by Jemma Hayes, Lakeview Elementary, Albert Lea
The Adventure of a Lifetime by Peter Hennen, Our Lady of the Prairie, Belle Plaine
Violet's Journey Home by Abby Hovendick, Southwest Middle School, Albert Lea
The Flood Escape by Stella Johnson-Sabinish, Lakeview Elementary, Albert Lea
Water to Clouds by Sydney Jorgenson, New York Mills Public Schools
Clara's Vacation Adventure by Faith Kain, Fairmont High School
The Day the Brakes Failed by Jackson Lewis, Fairmont High School
Adventures in Yellowstone by Hudson Moenck, Caledonia Area Elementary School
The Portal by Claire Moore, Caledonia Area Elementary School
The Quest for the Fountain of Gold by Elin Otteson, Dakota Meadows Middle School, Mankato
Braver Than Yesterday by Freya Peterson, St. Peter Middle School
The Tornado by Makenzie Rauenhorst, Lakeview Elementary, Albert Lea
The Mystery of the Plaktians by Norah Sahr, Southwest Middle School, Albert Lea
A Girl Named Lily by Haven Schedivy, Caledonia Area Elementary School
A Fire Dragon's Unexpected Journey by William Scheff, Our Lady of the Prairie, Belle Plaine
Adventures in Gatlinburg by Leo Schmitt, Caledonia Area Elementary School
A Scout's Duty by William Staloch, Lakeview Elementary, Albert Lea
Our Mission to Save The President by Dawson Szafryk, Fairmont High School
Door Number Five by Stella Trushenski, St. Paul's Lutheran, Fairmont High School
The Magic Halo by Lauren Wakefield, NRHEG Schools
Two Lost Boys by Evelyn Weckwerth, Lakeview Elementary. Albert Lea
A Lost Bison by Frances Willemsen, Hoover Elementary, Mankato
The Baby Sloth by Vivian Willemsen, Dakota Meadows Middle School, Mankato
The Cave Catastrophe by Jordan Wurm, Caledonia Area Elementary School

Nonfiction

Adventures In Mobile, Alabama by Gabe Clark, Caledonia Area Elementary School
One of the Best Adventures by Aubrey DenBoer, Caledonia Area Elementary School
Foods by Severin Gracyzk, Fairmont High School
Trying New Foods by Audrey Haugen, Fairmont High School
Bronko's Adventurous Trip to Yellowstone by Bronko Knutson, Caledonia Area Elementary School
The Most Important Adventure of My Life by MJ Kurvers, Our Lady of the Prairie, Belle Plaine
My Food Adventure by Jackson Lewis, Fairmont High School

Experiencing New Things by Maricio Parades, Fairmont High School

The Adventurous Tubing Trip by Victoria Pearson, Caledonia Area Elementary School

One Door Closes, Another Door Opens by Abbi Renaux, Alden-Conger High School

Adventure to Mexico by Sophia Salguero Portillo, Caledonia Area Elementary School

My First Deer by Garrett Simons, Our Lady of the Prairie, Belle Plaine

The Fun of Bemidji by Lenna Steele, Caledonia Area Elementary School

My Trip to South Dakota by Alyssa Stokman, Caledonia Area Elementary School