

Congratulations to the students who were honored at the 2025 SCSC Writing Contest authors reception on May 19. 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.

An e-book version of the anthology can be found at mlpp.pressbooks.pub/scscwritingcontest2025.

Honorees:

Poetry

Jia-Xin Fan, Dakota Meadows Middle School, Mankato
Severin Graczyk, Farimont High School
Nora Jorgensen, Minnesota Connections Academy
Ora Anna Ihimbazwe Kirezi, Prairie Winds Middle School, Mankato
Scarlett Krueger, Nicollet Public School
Elise Matney, The Blake School, Hopkins
Amati Ishimo Migisha, Prairie Winds Middle School, Mankato
Freya Peterson, St. Peter Middle School
Riley Simon, Farimont High School
Callen Spear, Farimont High School
Landyn Varela, Farimont High School

Fiction

Vienna Augedahl, Caledonia Area Elementary
Ryker Bayerkohler, Southwest Middle School, Albert Lea
Hailey Cords, Lakeview Elementary, Albert Lea
Addy Doering, Caledonia Area Elementary
Angelo Igiraneza Ganza, Kennedy Elementary, Mankato
Severin Graczyk, Fairmont High School
Cade Gueltzow, Caledonia Area Elementary
Ryder Haugstad, Caledonia Area Elementary
Abby Hovendick, Lakeview Elementary, Albert Lea
Ora Anna Ihimbazwe Kirezi, Prairie Winds Middle School
Scarlett Krueger, Nicollet Public Schools
Brogan Lange, Caledonia Area Elementary
Claire Moore, Caledonia Area Elementary
Ellie Nelson, Lakeview Elementary, Albert Lea
Kaylee O'Heron, Caledonia Area Elementary

Freya Peterson, St. Peter Middle School
Matthew Ranzenberger, Caledonia Area Elementary
Abbigail Renaux, Alden Conger
Norah Sahr, Lakeview Elementary, Albert Lea
Sophia Sanderlin, Caledonia Area Elementary
Adalynn Schroeder, Caledonia Area Elementary
Lou Senn, Caledonia Area Elementary
Keaton Shukis, Caledonia Area Elementary
Riley Simon, Fairmont High School
Callen Spear, Fairmont High School
Aurora Toupin, Lakeview Elementary, Albert Lea
Landyn Varela, Fairmont High School

Non-fiction

Ella Blehrud, Caledonia Area Elementary
Gabe Clark, Caledonia Area Elementary
Graham Engan, Caledonia Area Elementary
Angelo Igiraneza Ganza, Kennedy Elementary, Mankato
Connor Goetzinger, Caledonia Area Elementary
Cheyanna Hansen, Fairmont High School
Ora Anna Ihimbazwe Kirezi, Prairie Winds Middle School, Mankato
Amati Ishimo Migisha, Prairie Winds Middle School, Mankato
Ruben Pena, Fairmont High School
Jorden Rasche, Fairmont High School
Riley Simon, Fairmont High School
Callen Spear, Fairmont High School
Landyn Varela, Fairmont High School
Keyun Wu, Dakota Meadows Middle School, Mankato

Students received a certificate and copy of the print anthology. Additional awards were presented for Judges Choice Award to Jia-Xin Fan, Severin Graczyk, Ora Anna Kirezi, Amati Migisha; Plot Twist Award to Aurora Toupin; Learn Something New Award to Jorden Rasche; and the LOL Award to Cade Gueltzow.