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2026 Student Achievement Award Winners Announced - REVISED

To: Presidents and All Members

From: Joel Duff, Associate General Secretary – Professional Services

For Information

The 2026 Student Achievement Awards received an extensive variety of creative submissions from across the province focused on the theme of “2Gether is >1 (Together is Greater Than One).”

OSSTF/FEESO Districts selected their winning entries in December, and their submissions went through a rigorous regional and provincial judging process. The Regional and Provincial winners can be found below. Please celebrate these achievements within your District and continue to promote this important award program in your community.

REGIONAL WINNERS

Prose & Poetry Division

Category A-1 - Intermediate, 9-10

Region 1: Jordan Powell, Superior Collegiate Vocational Institute, District 6A

Region 2: No entries

Region 3: Abeel Irshad, Vincent Massey Secondary School, District 9

Region 4: Nandhana Abhilash, Northern Park Secondary School, District 19

Region 5: Anugraha Annamalai, Bell High School, District 25

Category A-2 – Senior 11-12

Region 1: Ocean Cherneske, Superior Collegiate Vocational Institute, District 6A

Region 2: Not awarded

Region 3: Chris Hodge, Waterford District High School, District 23

Region 4: Lama Al-Zayat, Stephen Lewis Secondary School, District 19

Ely Tkach, Malvern Collegiate Institute, District 12

Region 5: Maya Chesne, Central Hastings Secondary School, District 29

Category A-3 – French 9-12

Region 1: No entries

Region 2: Aspen Law, École secondaire Cité-Supérieure, District 31 Unité 57

Region 3: Sofia Niss, North Park Collegiate Vocational Institute, District 23

Region 4: Bairavi Kalatharan, Bramalea Secondary School, District 19

Region 5: No entries

Category A-4 – Non-Credit 9-12

Region 1: No entries

Region 2: No entries

Region 3: Hanna Wilk, Centre Wellington District High School, District 18

Region 4: Antonio Barreira, City Learning Centre, District 21

Region 5: Richard DeFrederico, Sir Wilfred Laurier Secondary School, District 25

Creative Division

Category B-1 - Visual Arts, Intermediate, 9-10

Region 1: Abby Neilson, Fort Frances High School, District 5B

Region 2: Esme Dereski, Michipicoten High School, District 2

Region 3: Alexandria Haughie, McKinnon Park Secondary School, District 23

Region 4: Raunak Singh Aulakh, Woodbridge College, District 16

Region 5: Zainab Sakhizada, Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary School, District 25

Category B-2 - Visual Arts, Senior, 11-12

Region 1: Nikoletta Bakal, Northern Lakes K-12 School, District 5B

Region 2: Jack Chamberland, Lasalle Secondary School, District 3

Region 3: Orion McConkey, Sir Wilfred Laurier Secondary School, District 11

Region 4: Teodora Jovicevic, Ancaster High School, District 21

Region 5: Henry Shah, Smiths Falls District Collegiate Institute, District 26

Category B-3 – Visual Arts 9-12, Non-Credit

Region 1: Sam Kaw, Westgate Collegiate Vocational Institute, District 6A

Region 2: No entries

Region 3: Yaroslav Shevchenko, Wheable Adult, Alternative and Continuing Education School,
District 11

Region 4: Amelia Sautié Oquendo, Silverthorn Collegiate Institute, District 12

Region 5: Stewart Babcock, Napanee District Secondary School, District 27

Category B-4 - Media, 9-12

Region 1: No entries

Region 2: No entries

Region 3: Adrian Mitrana, Bluevale Collegiate Institute, District 24

Region 4: Narjess Khodayan, King City Secondary School, District 16

Region 5: Jadyn Manning, Katarauqui Learning Centre (KLE), District 27

PROVINCIAL WINNERS

Prose & Poetry Division

Category A-1 - Intermediate, 9-10

Region 5: Anugraha Annamalai, Bell High School, District 25

Category A-2: Senior, 11-12

Region 5: Maya Chesne, Central Hastings Secondary School, District 29

Category A-3: French, 9-12

Region 4: Bairavi Kalatharan, Bramalea Secondary School, District 19

Category A-4: Non-Credit, 9-12

Region 4: Antonio Barreira, City Learning Centre, District 21

Creative Division

Category B-1: Visual Arts, Intermediate, 9-10

Region 5: Hali Young, Bayside Secondary School, District 29

Category B-2: Visual Arts, Senior, 11-12

Region 3: Orion McConkey, Sir Wilfred Laurier Secondary School, District 11

Category B-3: Visual Arts, Non-Credit

Region 1: Sam Kaw, Westgate Collegiate Vocational Institute, District 6A

Category B-4: Media, 9-12

Region 3: Adrian Mitrana, Bluevale Collegiate Institute, District 24

Judges Choice

Region 3: Zainab Sakhizada, Sir Wilfred Laurier Secondary School, District 25

For more information about the Student Achievement Awards, please contact Tracey Marshall (tracey.marshall@osstf.ca).

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