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## Winners Announced in United We Learn Arts Contest

MAY 23, 2017

MCPS announced the winners of its first ever United We Learn: Combating Hate through the Arts contest, during the Board of Education's May 22 meeting.



*Superintendent Jack Smith with a roomful of winners and their parents.*

In March, the district launched the contest with several partners,

including the Faith Community Advisory Council, the Montgomery County Office of Human Rights, the Montgomery County Human Rights Commission, the Committee on Hate/Violence, the Montgomery County Council of PTAs and Communities United Against Hate—Montgomery County. The contest had a goal of providing students with a creative, structured opportunity to explore issues of prejudice and learn about the values of respect, diversity and civility. The contest was open to students

from all grade levels.

Submissions, which were judged by level (elementary, middle and high) and by medium, were created by groups of two students or more. The categories were: written word, performance, visual art and video/audio.

Winning submissions will be published, printed or broadcast through MCPS media platforms.

[See a gallery of photos](#) from the recognition ceremony.

The winners are:

Middle — Video/Audio

## **First Place**

Momoreoluwa Alade & Mayeni Kpenge

*“Hatred vs. Love”*

A. Mario Loiederman Middle School

[View the Video Here.](#)

## **Second Place**

Pragya Kumar, Abigail Pak & Shriya Yavasani

*“I Am Me”*

Hallie Wells Middle School

## **Third Place**

Jasmine Wang & Hannah Yan

*“Stand Up”*

Hallie Wells Middle School

Middle — Visual Art

## **First Place**

Arunima De, Luyanda Dlamini & Maribel Thomas

*“Hallie Wells MS 2016-2017”*

Hallie Wells Middle School

## **Second Place**

Navin Durbhakula, Lucy Lin & Amberly Wu

*“Pressures of Society”*

Herbert Hoover Middle School

## **Third Place (tie)**

Felipe Beltran, Phoebe Kantor, Madeline Montemurro, Andrea Rentel

*“Equality Tree”*

John Poole Middle School

## **Third Place (tie)**

Joann Cho & Alison Wang

*“.”*

Ridgeview Middle School

## Middle — Written

### **First Place**

Emily Barr & Sidra Hoffman

*“Am I Accepted: A Transgender Story”*

Sligo Middle School

### **Second Place**

Kayla Sinkler & Kirsten Sinkler

*“We Overcame”*

Robert Frost Middle School & DuFief Elementary School

### **Third Place**

Milla Brizhik & Tessa Brizhik

*“Let’s Talk”*

John Poole Middle School

## High — Performance

### **First Place**

Zack Sieff & Gabrielle Zwi

*“Without a Label”*

Walter Johnson High School

## High — Video/Audio

### First Place

Ellie Creedon, Kaley Fisher, Sean Fitzgerald & Anastasia Goldberg

*“Uniting Through Dance”*

Poolesville High School

### Second Place

Cacharelle Bonard Grimshaw, Tyiana Duffin, Londin Marshall, Tiffany

Morales-Tejada & Westley On

*“Hatred...I Wish You Knew Me”*

Regional Institute for Children and Adolescents (RICA)

### Third Place

Dylan Burgoon, Alyssa Craig, Kai Elwood-Dieu, Tia Merotto & Emma

Urofsky

*“Doofus and Dylan”*

Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School

## High — Visual Art

### First Place

Sydney Acuff & Cecelia Bauer

*“Marching for Justice”*

Montgomery Blair High School

### Second Place (tie)

Cole Cerulli, Olivia Dantzler, Peyton Diederich, Jacob Hoffpauir, Alyza

Hussong, Adam Kolb, Roberto Mejia, Lukress Nguehou Keuda, Brian

Orellana, Lisa Patel, Andrea Rodriguez, Rio Salazar, Michelle Sung & Sachi

Tumbde

*“United We Learn”*

Damascus High School

### **Second Place (tie)**

Dwayne Benjamin & Jackson Harnois

*"I AM Human"*

Quince Orchard High School

### **Third Place (tie)**

Behrooz Ahmadi, Meya Collings, Julia Kraft, Angelo Rana & Britt-Marie

Weinberg

*"MCPS Schools Embrace Diversity"*

Winston Churchill High School

### **Third Place (tie)**

Ariel Fromm & Kendall Price

*"Students on a Field"*

Montgomery Blair High School

## High — Written

### **First Place**

Angela Wu & Byron Wu

*"A United Chess Set"*

Thomas S Wootton High School & Robert Frost Middle School

### **Second Place**

ESOL 4 and AP Language Students at Rockville High School

*"Rockville Strong Letter Exchange"*

Rockville High School

### **Third Place**

Jennifer Nornoo & Priscilla Nornoo

*"What's the Point?"*

Paint Branch High School

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