

WELCOME TO
FAIRFAX COUNTY COUNCIL PTA
2024-2025
REFLECTIONS
STUDENT ARTS PROGRAM

GALLERY
&
STUDENT AWARDS
CEREMONY

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TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

Welcome and housekeeping notes – Denise Bolton

Please check-in at registration table (either before or after ceremony)

Posters distribution to medalists and take home “goodie bags” to medalists

Local Reflections Coordinators and school reps please see me after program completes

We should be done by 8pm

Introductions – Debbie Kilpatrick

Remarks – Dr. Michelle Reid and Stuart Holt

Gallery Screen Show - Denise Bolton

Presentation of Awards – Denise Bolton

Please remain seated until the conclusion of the ceremony, as a courtesy to all of our awardees

Additional Gallery Show after ceremony

PTA Mission
Make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children

- FCCPTA represents 173 PTAs with 40,000 members within Fairfax County (*we are all volunteers*)
- Constituent of Virginia PTA and National PTA
- Provides:
 - Reflections Arts Student Program
 - Fairfax County Spelling Bee: Elementary-Middle School students; School PTA enrollment fee to Scripps National Spelling Bee; County Bee Competition; Bee Champion competes at national level
 - Senior Student Scholarships: Awards ten \$500 scholarships to graduating FCPS seniors
 - Council Awards and Grants: Volunteers, Principals, Educators/Staff, Students, Impactful PTAs
 - PTA leadership training and Open Office Hours for PTA leaders year-round
- **Advocates (at county, state, and federal levels) for students, families, schools, and public education**
 - **PTA positions, resolutions, and legislative priorities**

Contact: president@fccpta.org or board@fccpta.org





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Stuart Holt
President and CEO

ArtsFairfax expands support for and access to arts and culture opportunities for more than 1.2 million residents across Fairfax County, the City of Fairfax, and the City of Falls Church

The graphic features a black background with vibrant, swirling paint splashes in white, yellow, red, and blue. The ArtsFairfax logo, a colorful fan-like shape, is positioned at the top center. Below it, the text 'ARTSFAIRFAX' is written in white. The main announcement 'Congratulations 2025 Reflections Award Winners' is centered, with 'Congratulations' in white and '2025 Reflections Award Winners' in orange. Below this, the text 'who spark curiosity & ignite creativity in Fairfax County.' is in white. At the bottom, 'ArtsFairfax.org' is in white and 'Stay Curious. Stay Local.' is in blue.

ARTSFAIRFAX

Congratulations
2025 Reflections Award Winners

who spark curiosity & ignite creativity
in Fairfax County.

ArtsFairfax.org
Stay Curious. Stay Local.

START your PTA Reflections program today!

Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12 students are encouraged to submit original works of art in one or more of the following categories:



Dance Choreography



Music Composition



Film Production



Literature



Photography



Visual Arts

Students who identify as having a disability may enter in the Accessible Arts division or grade division most closely aligned to their support needs. Check with your state PTA for program guidelines, submission deadlines and recognition opportunities. Learn more and get involved!

Essentials

Tell Us Your/A Story in Your Art

- Each entry is the original creative work of one student, and only the student
- Creativity, originality and Interpretation of the theme are important judging criteria
- Entry form must have citation when copyrighted material is used (background music in dance choreography and film production videos)
- Include artist statement and details on art techniques used (ex: oil or watercolor painting, “stop action video”, use of tripod, original choreography of national/ethnic type of dance, SW tools used, etc.)

HOW IT WORKS

Students submit their works of art to their local school PTA's Reflections contest in the Fall

Local PTAs celebrate winners (bronze, silver, gold) at the school level, and forward one gold (OI) winning entry in each age division and art category to their County Council PTA

County Council PTAs select winning entries and submit one gold entry in each age division-art category to Virginia PTA

Virginia PTA selects and submits state winning entries to National PTA to compete against students from across the United States, and holds a VA PTA Student Awards Celebration in April

National PTA selects and announces winners of the national-level contest in May

Since it was founded in 1969, millions of students have benefited from this National PTA program

**2023-2024
NATIONAL PTA
REFLECTIONS
AWARDS
TO
FAIRFAX COUNTY STUDENTS
(ANNOUNCED MAY 2024)**

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The banner features a collage of colorful images showing children engaged in various arts and activities. The background is a dark maroon color with a pattern of colorful diamond shapes. The slogan "Reflect. Create Art. Be Recognized." is written in white and yellow text. The National PTA Reflections logo is in the top right corner. Below the banner is a white box containing a paragraph of text.

Fairfax County Student National PTA Awards 2023-2024

(Announced May 2024)



Film Production

Jude Caldwell	TJHSST	High School	Award of Merit
Lillian Lambert	Louise Archer ES	Intermediate	Award of Merit

Literature

Stephanie Groves	LBSS	Special Artist	Award of Excellence
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Visual Arts

Niharika Deshmane	Katherine Johnson MS	Middle School	Award of Excellence
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FAIRFAX COUNTY COUNCIL PTA
2024-2025
REFLECTIONS
STUDENT ARTS PROGRAM

GALLERY



VISUAL ARTS - PRIMARY

**FCCPTA OUTSTANDING
INTERPRETATION AWARD**

VAPTA AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Sanav Agarwal

Floris ES PTA



VISUAL ARTS - INTERMEDIATE

FCCPTA OUTSTANDING INTERPRETATION AWARD

Avery Brown

Bush Hill ES PTA



VISUAL ARTS - MIDDLE

FCCPTA OUTSTANDING INTERPRETATION AWARD

VAPTA HONORABLE MENTION

Bruno Funes

Irving MS PTA



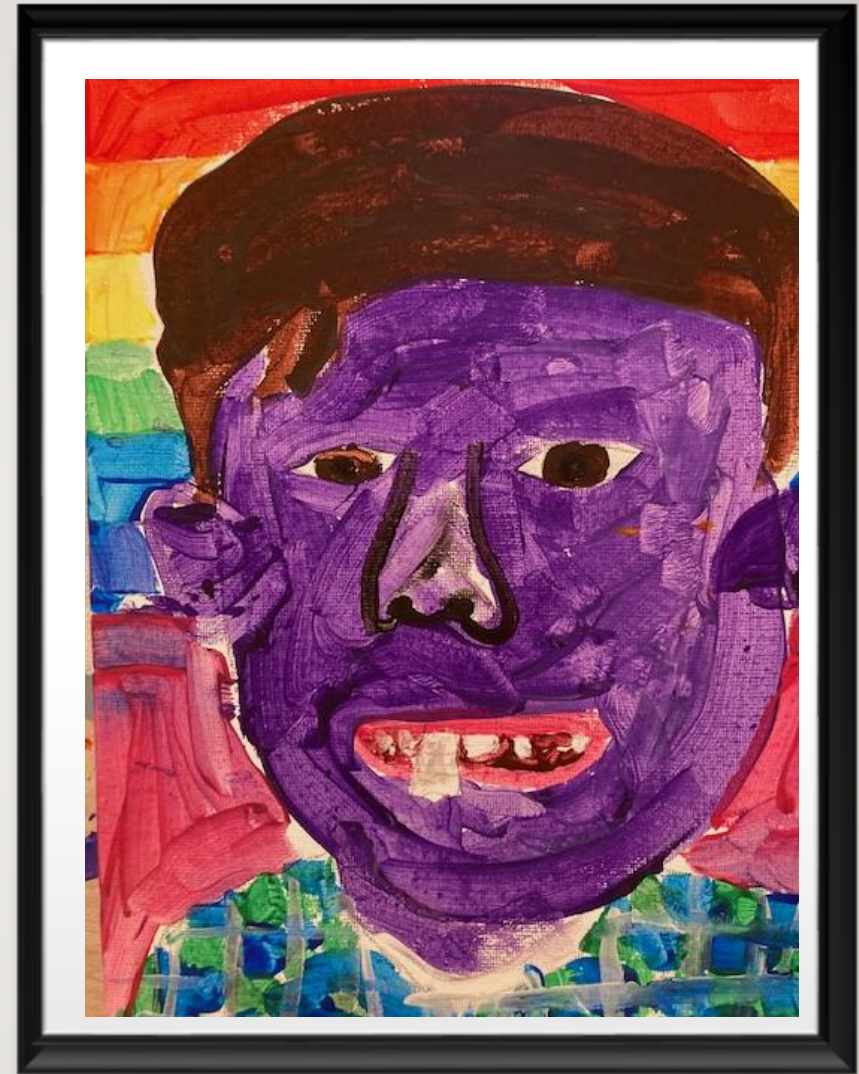
VISUAL ARTS – SPECIAL ARTIST

FCCPTA OUTSTANDING INTERPRETATION AWARD

VAPTA OUTSTANDING INTERPRETATION AWARD

Simon Smith

Wolftrap ES PTA



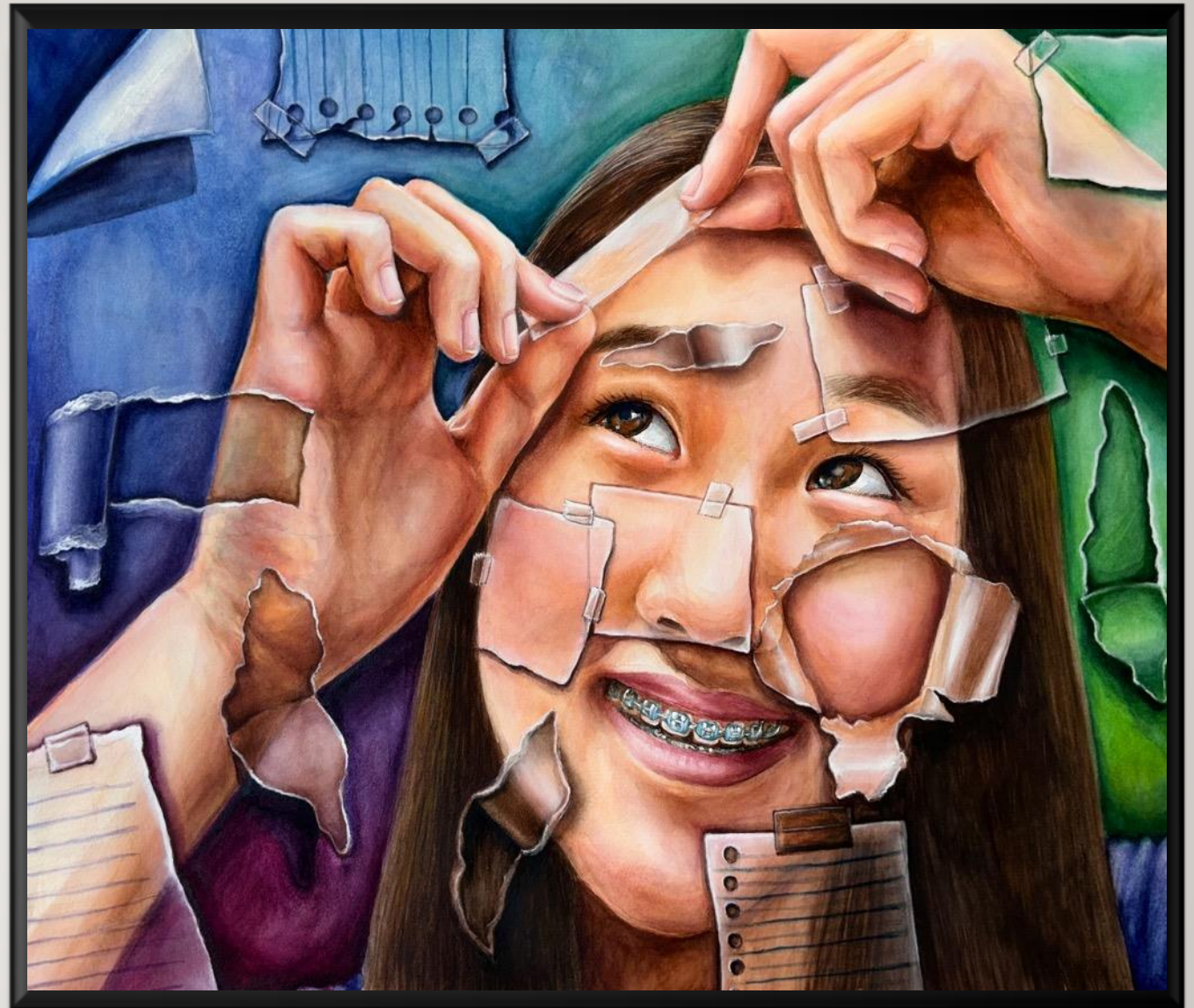
VISUAL ARTS – HIGH SCHOOL

FCCPTA OUTSTANDING INTERPRETATION
AWARD

VAPTA AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Chloe Jeong

McLean HS School PTSA



LITERATURE – ACCESSIBLE ARTS

FCCPTA OUTSTANDING INTERPRETATION AWARD

VAPTA AWARD OF MERIT

Connor Huber

Hunt Valley ES PTA

Welcome

By Connor Huber

Happy school

Happy grin

Happy to meet you

Come on in

A welcome can be warm

Loud and clear

Hello Friend

I'm glad you are here

LITERATURE – PRIMARY
FCCPTA OUTSTANDING INTERPRETATION AWARD

George Bate

Flint Hill ES PTA

Dandelion Journey
Delicate feathers
All round
No more
Disappearing seeds
Eventually grow new
Leaving an
Imperfect stem
One happy parent
Nothing is perfect

DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY - PRIMARY

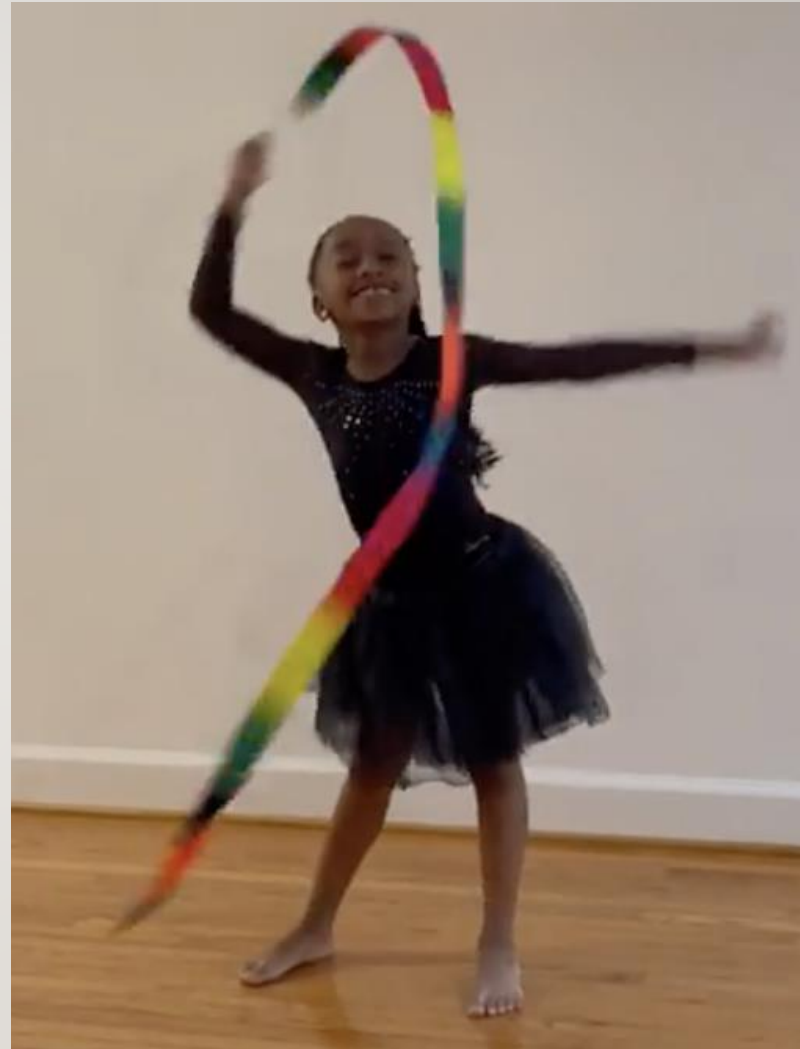
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VA PTA AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Music credit –
Imperfectly Perfect
by Sophie Michelle

Skylar Trimble

Bailey's ES PTA



DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY – HIGH SCHOOL

FCCPTA OUTSTANDING INTERPRETATION AWARD

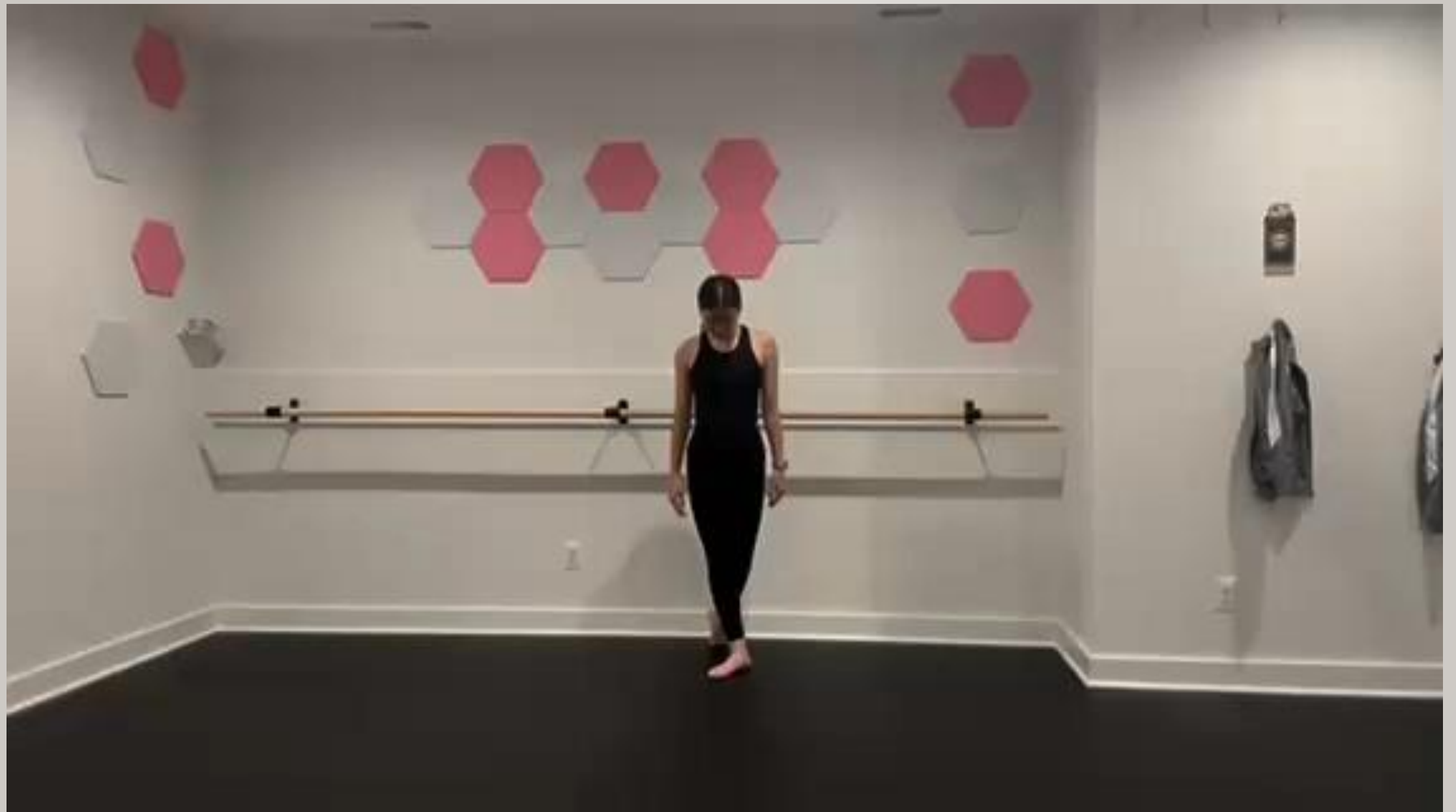
VA PTA AWARD OF MERIT

Song: Somebody Else by Ruelle

Kayla Chen

McLean HS PTSA





PHOTOGRAPHY – HIGH SCHOOL

FCCPTA OUTSTANDING INTERPRETATION
AWARD

VA PTA AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Alyssa Sun

Langley High School PTSA



PHOTOGRAPHY – INTERMEDIATE

FCCPTA OUTSTANDING INTERPRETATION AWARD

VAPTA AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

George Gardner

Laurel Ridge ES PTA

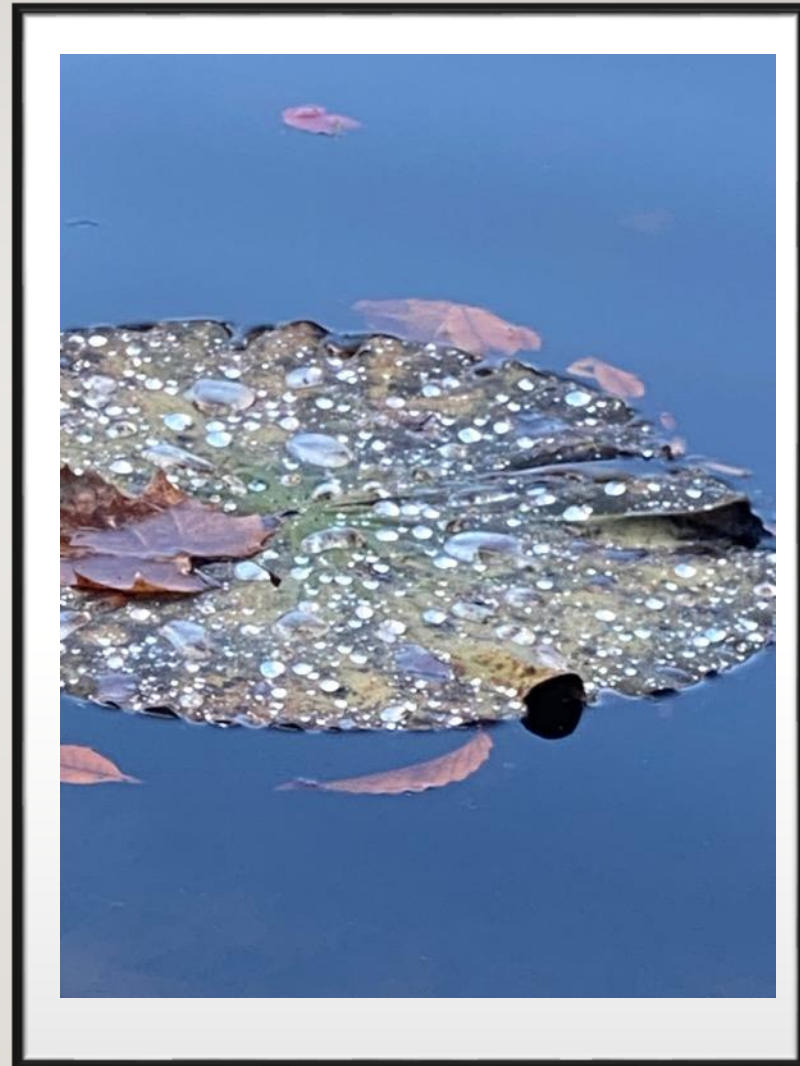


PHOTOGRAPHY – PRIMARY

FCCPTA OUTSTANDING INTERPRETATION AWARD

Kepler Vu

Canterbury Woods ES PTSA



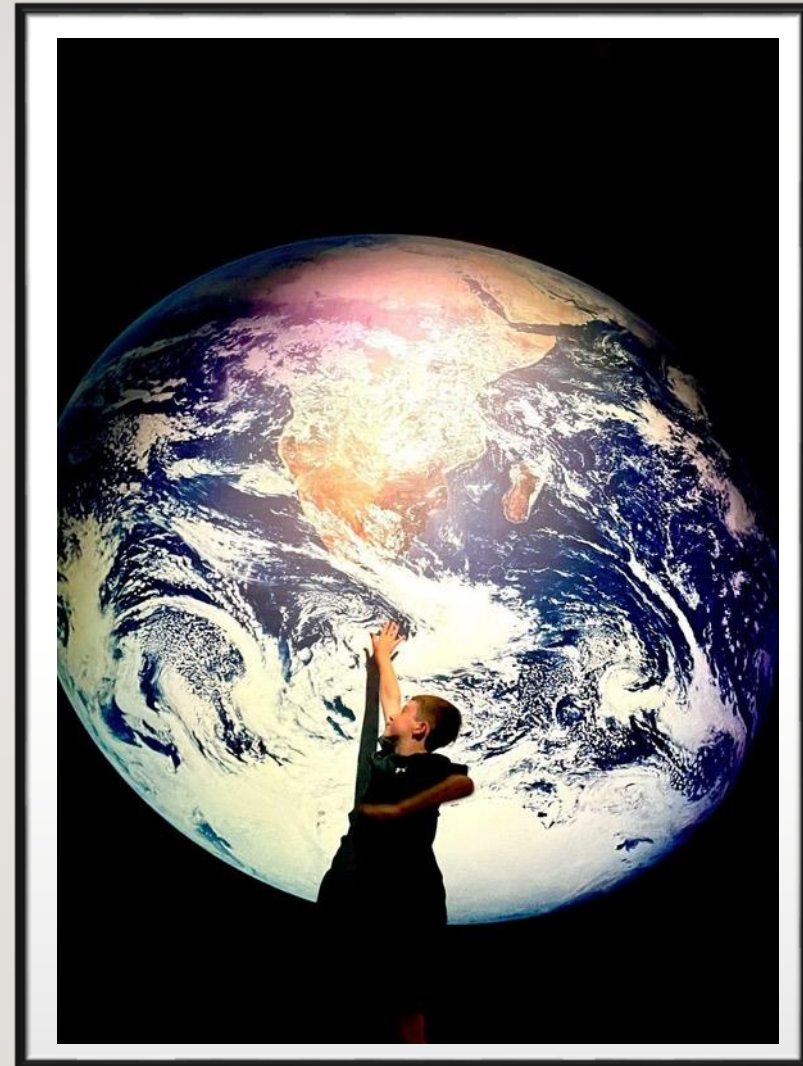
PHOTOGRAPHY – MIDDLE

FCCPTA OUTSTANDING INTERPRETATION AWARD

VA PTA AWARD OF MERIT

Dominic Choi

Great Falls ES PTSA



MUSIC COMPOSITION – ACCESSIBLE ARTS

FCCPTA OUTSTANDING INTERPRETATION AWARD

VA PTA OUTSTANDING INTERPRETATION AWARD

This piece is about the miracle that happened on Hanukkah. I wanted to create this piece because there aren't many Hanukkah songs. Even though it isn't perfect, I want the Jewish faith to be accepted and included.

Declan Puia

Eagle View ES PTA

Violin played by Marianna Louise Wolpert
Composed by Declan Puia



MUSIC COMPOSITION MIDDLE SCHOOL

FCCPTA OUTSTANDING INTERPRETATION
AWARD

VAPTA AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Brianna Le

Lake Braddock Secondary School PTSA

The image displays a musical score for the piece "I Know" by Brianna Le. The score is presented in a black frame and includes three parts: Vocals, Piano (Pno.), and Violins (Vcls.). The music is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "I know I know I'm an im-per-fect soul You say every day that you're bet-ter than me in all your ways but you fear my dif-fer-ences as you fear your own Per-fection is a". The score is divided into four systems, with measure numbers 6, 10, and 15 indicated at the beginning of the vocal lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line, and the violin part provides harmonic support with eighth-note patterns.

MUSIC COMPOSITION
MIDDLE SCHOOL

FCCPTA OUTSTANDING INTERPRETATION
AWARD

VAPTA AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Chloe Stuckey

McLean HS PTSA



Song and music
composed and
performed by Chloe
Stuckey



FILM PRODUCTION – HIGH SCHOOL
FCCPTA OUTSTANDING INTERPRETATION
AWARD

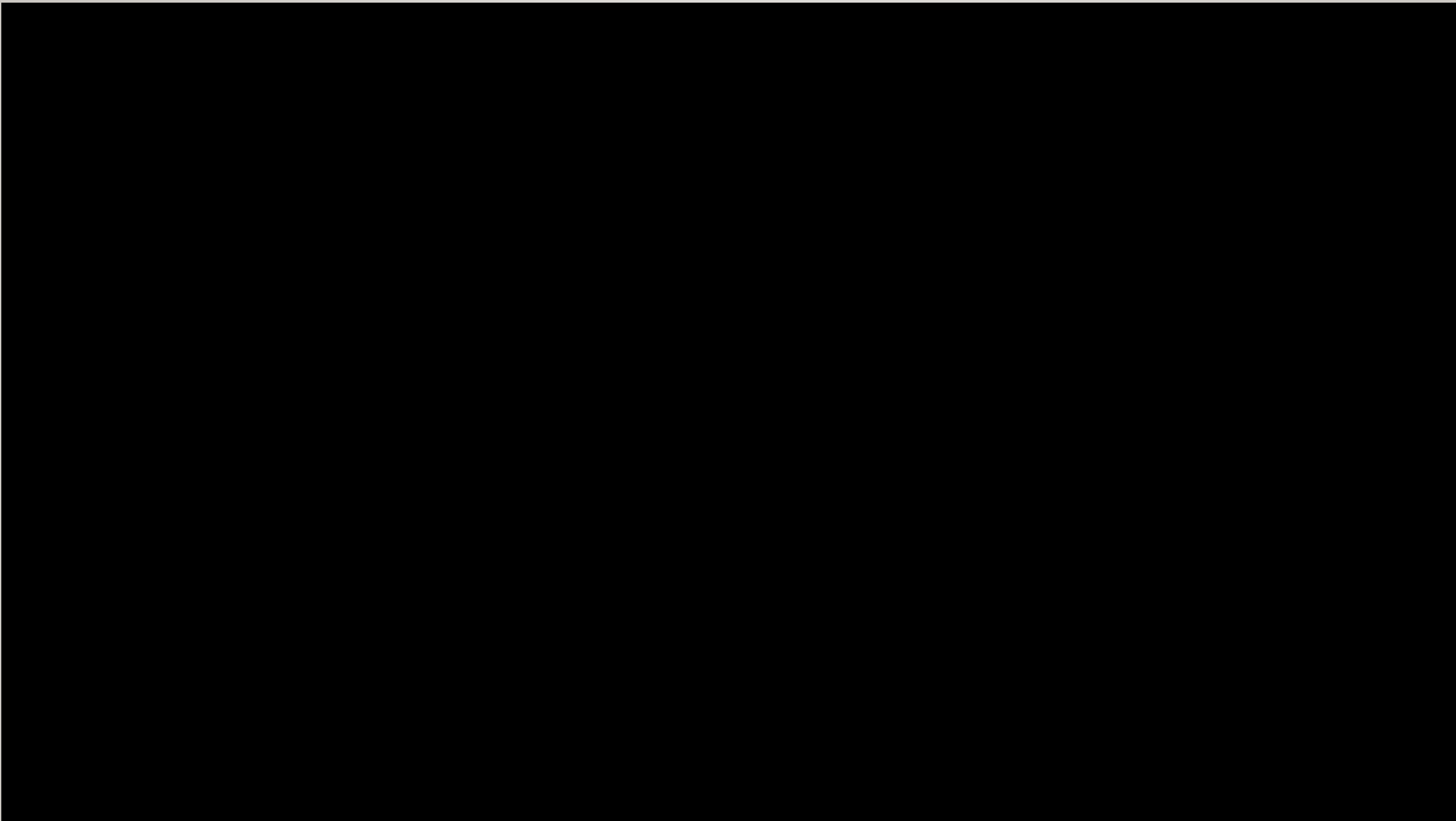
VAPTA AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Luke Caldwell

TJHSST PTSA



I animated this video and wrote the music for it myself, without any AI or generative elements. To build the robot character and make him move around to clean his lawn, I used a computer program called Character Animator that lets me make digital puppets and record myself performing with them. I wrote the music on a regular piano and then used a program called Garageband to input the notes and choose the instruments for each part so that it fit the mood of the story at each point. To put the soundtrack and video together, I used a program called Premiere Pro that I also used to make the black screens with text that tell the story, and the special effects like fading and dissolving between scenes.



FILM PRODUCTION – MIDDLE SCHOOL
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AWARD

VAPTA AWARD OF EXCELLENCE



Erya Chai

Longfellow MS PTA

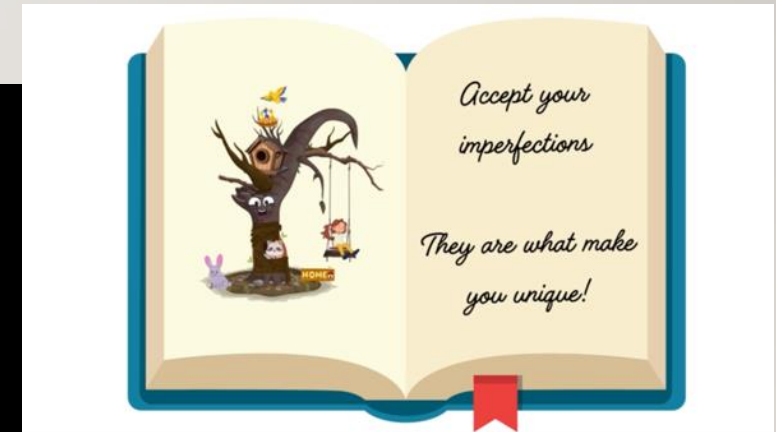
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Erya Chai

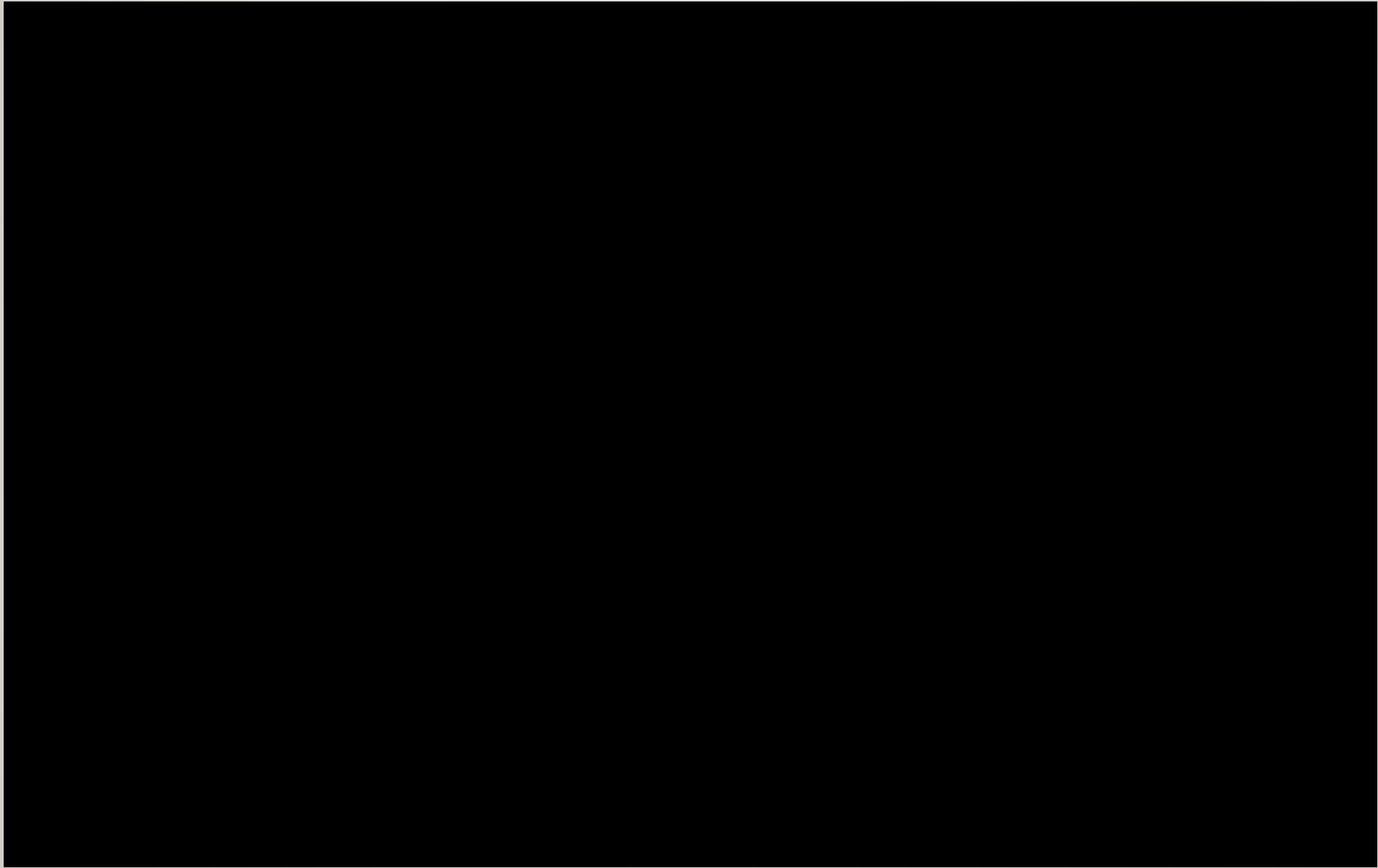
The Tree That Inspired This Story



Software Tools:
Canva
CapCut

Music:
Inspire, Ukulele, Evolution, Sad Day
by Benjamin Tissot from Bensound.com
New Frontier by Lunar Years from
Bensound.com





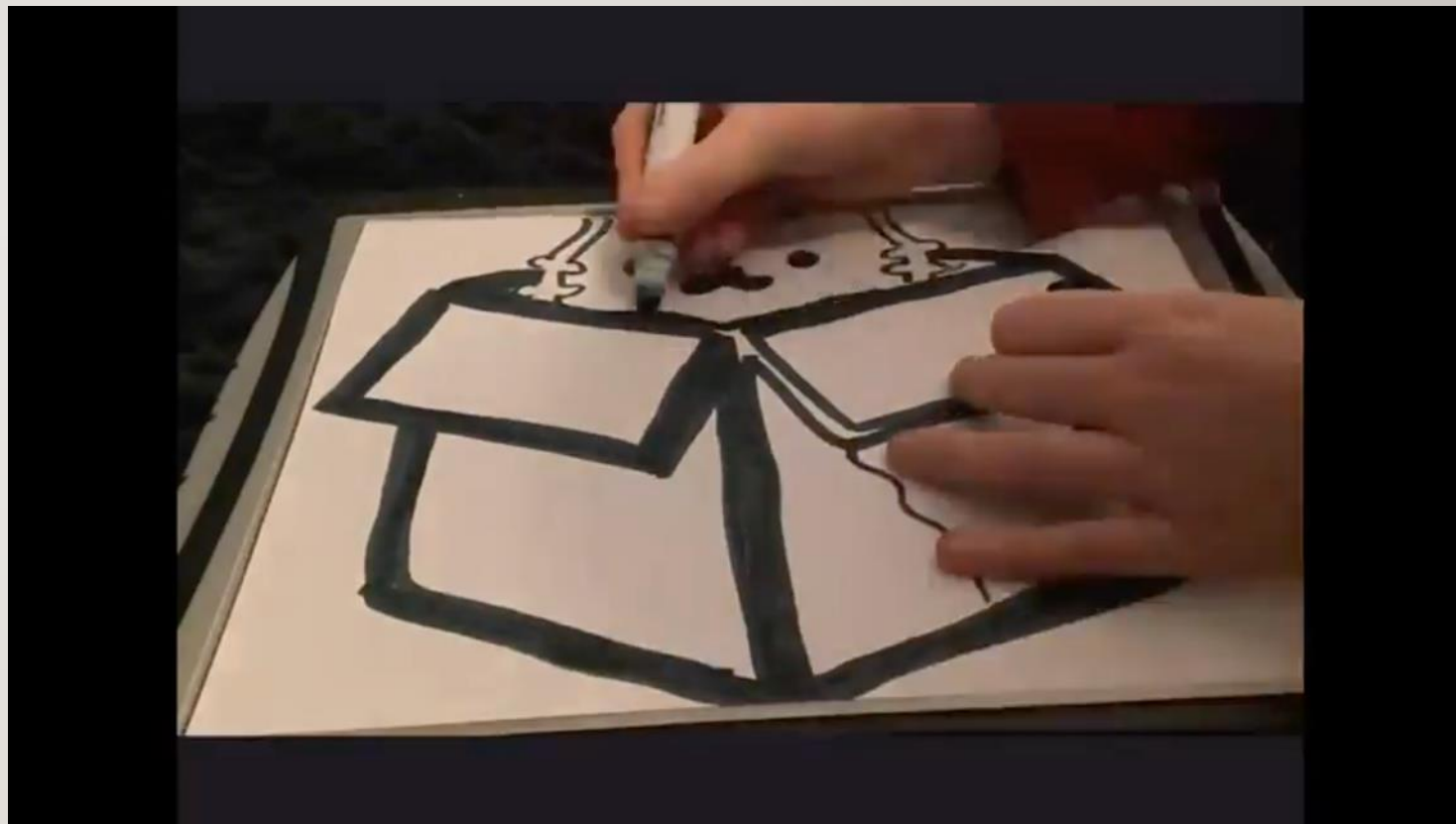
FILM PRODUCTION – INTERMEDIATE

FCCPTA OUTSTANDING INTERPRETATION
AWARD

VAPTA AWARD OF MERIT

Luke Herbeck

Wolftrap ES PTA



To create the music for video, Luke chose instruments and household good to make up his own song. He assembled the video in iMovie.

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2024-2025 REFLECTIONS
PHOTOGRAPHY
AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**



Lily Deskins von Loewe



Mario Rosser Castro



Julian Schatz



Lily Carroll



Ryan Howsare



Finn Blayney



Penelope Yi

**FAIRFAX COUNTY COUNCIL PTA
2024-2025 REFLECTIONS
PHOTOGRAPHY
AWARD OF MERIT**

Franco Rana



Jack Nobles



Sophia Kang



Genevieve Whiteside



Charlotte Salnoske



Owen Webb



Evan Cafaro



Charlize Raezer



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VISUAL ARTS
AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**



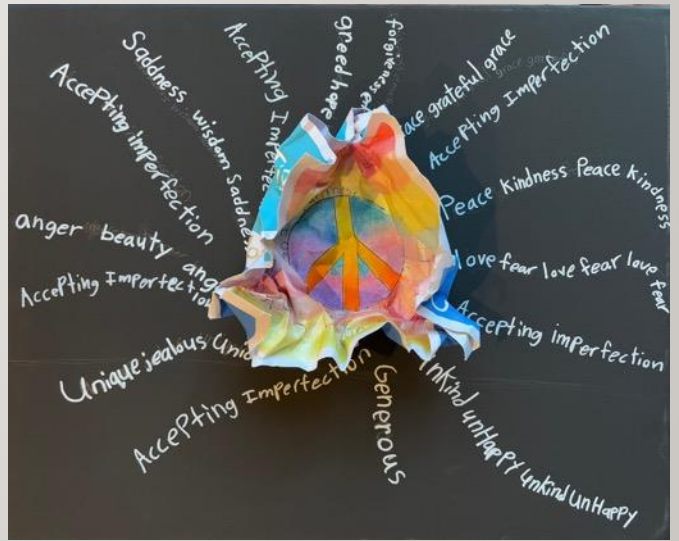
Kristen Han



Kate Blinstrub



Gordon Dushac



Ryan Detrick

**FAIRFAX COUNTY COUNCIL PTA
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VISUAL ARTS
AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**



Alessandra Vasquez



Kaitlyn Kreider



Alice Lord



Dhritii Dhevarajan

**FAIRFAX COUNTY COUNCIL PTA
2024-2025 REFLECTIONS
VISUAL ARTS
AWARD OF MERIT**



Eleanor Cunningham



Sihyun Yoon



Sahana Karthik



Astrid Chang



Kyra Chitlangia

**FAIRFAX COUNTY COUNCIL PTA
2024-2025 REFLECTIONS
AWARD OF MERIT**



Christina Oh



Drusilla Dalrymple

Joelle Park



Vihaan Basotia

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PRESENTATION OF
STUDENT AWARDS

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A banner for the National PTA Reflections program. It features a collage of colorful images showing children and adults engaged in various art activities. The text 'Reflect. Create Art. Be Recognized.' is prominently displayed in white and yellow on a dark background. The National PTA Reflections logo is in the top right corner.

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Fairfax County Council PTA Reflections Award of Merit

Dance

Nishka Arya, Great Falls ES PTA

Sahasra Kalyanapu, McNair ES PTA

Juliet Rosner, Wolftrap ES PTA

Dhrithii Dhevarajan, Floris ES PTA





Fairfax County Council PTA Reflections Award of Merit

Film Production

Lily Buckner, Terra Centre ES PTA

Sanvitha Kolakalapudi, McNair ES PTA





**Fairfax County Council PTA Reflections
Award of Merit
Literature**

Lennon Wetzel, Wakefield Forest ES PTA

Emma Hayakawa, Centreville ES PTA

Charlotte Sauer, Terra Centre ES PTA

Elaina Wang, Longfellow MS PTA

Zach Kumbang, Canterbury Woods ES PTA

Alejandro Wick, Langley HS PTSA





Fairfax County Council PTA Reflections Award of Merit

Music Composition

Zara Mehta, Floris ES PTA

Adrian Nasimifar, Wakefield Forest ES PTA

Mathias Shull, Terra Centre ES PTA

Lauren Pho, Centreville ES PTA

Paulina Darmenova, Washington Irving MS PTA

Ethan Kupets, Dranesville ES PTA





Fairfax County Council PTA Reflections Award of Merit

Photography

Jack Nobles, Cherry Run ES PTA

Genevieve Whiteside, Waples Mill ES PTA

Charlotte Salnoske, Wolftrap ES PTA

Charlize Raezer, Bailey's ES PTA

Owen Webb, Washington Irving MS PTA

Franco Rana, Kilmer MS PTA

Evan Cafaro, TJHSST PTSA

Sophia Kang, Lake Braddock SS PTSA





**Fairfax County Council PTA Reflections
Award of Merit**

Visual Arts

Astrid Chang, Laurel Ridge ES PTA

Drusilla Dalrymple, Saratoga ES PTA

Kyra Chitlangia, Oak Hill ES PTA

Sihyun Yoon, Churchill Road ES PTA

Vihaan Basotia, McNair ES PTA

Sahana Karthik, McNair ES PTA

Eleanor Cunningham, Keene Mill ES PTA

Christina Oh, TJHSST PTSA

Joelle Park, Centreville HS PTSA





Fairfax County Council PTA Reflections Award of Excellence (AE)

Dance Choreography



Primary	Ditya Dhevarajan	Floris ES PTA
Primary	Banu Gerami Niranjana	Wolftrap ES PTA
Intermediate	Jayakrishnan	McNair ES PTA
Intermediate	Muse von Schrittz	Haycock ES PTA



Fairfax County Council PTA Reflections Award of Excellence (AE)

Film Production



Primary	Brennan Ahn	Churchill Road ES PTA
Intermediate	Catarina Polite	Saratoga ES PTA
Intermediate	Niranjana Jayakrishnan	McNair ES PTA
Middle School	Rae Wang	Canterbury Woods ES PTA
Middle School	Ian Jung	Haycock ES PTA
High School	Shriya Gubbi	Langley HS PTSA



Fairfax County Council PTA Reflections Award of Excellence (AE)



Literature

Primary	Piper Nish	Haycock ES PTA
Primary	Joel Mekbib	Bailey's ES PTA
Intermediate	Laasya Mohan	Floris ES PTA
Intermediate	Vera Reynolds	Armstrong ES PTA
Middle School	Nina Singh	Lake Braddock SS PTSA
Middle School	Naomi Rosner	Kilmer MS PTA
High School	Grace Im	TJHSST PTSA



Fairfax County Council PTA Reflections Award of Excellence (AE)



Music Composition

Primary	Charlie Engineer- Hopkins	Sangster ES PTSA
Intermediate	Dhrithii Dhevarajan	Floris ES PTA
Intermediate	Wren Christensen	Laurel Ridge ES PTA
Middle School	Noa Herzog	Longfellow MS PTA
High School	Jaeyoon Kim	TJHSST PTSA



Fairfax County Council PTA Reflections Award of Excellence (AE)



Photography

Primary	Finn Blayney	Forestville ES PTA
Primary	Ryan Howsare	Wolftrap ES PTA
Intermediate	Lily Deskins-vonLoewe	Stenwood ES PTA
Intermediate	Mario Rosser Castro	Great Falls ES PTA
Middle School	Lily Carroll	Cherry Run ES PTA
Middle School	Penelope Yi	Haycock ES PTA
High School	Julian Schatz	McLean HS PTSA



Fairfax County Council PTA Reflections Award of Excellence (AE)



Visual Arts

Primary	Kate Blinstrub	Flint Hill ES PTA
Primary	Ryan Detrick	Terra Centre ES PTA
Primary	Gordon Dushac	Hollin Meadows ES PTA
Intermediate	Kaitlyn Kreider	Centreville ES PTA
Intermediate	Dhrithii Dhevarajan	Floris ES PTA
Middle School	Alessandra Vasquez	Haycock ES PTA
Middle School	Alice Lord	Wolftrap ES PTA
High School	Kristen Han	Langley HS PTSA



Fairfax County Council PTA Outstanding Interpretation Award (First Place, Advanced to Virginia PTA)



Dance Choreography

Primary

Skylar Trimble

Bailey's ES PTA

Intermediate

Natasha Nesterova

Churchill Road ES PTA

Middle School

Anna Qi

Longfellow MS PTA

High School

Kayla Chen

McLean HS PTSA



Fairfax County Council PTA Outstanding Interpretation Award (First Place, Advanced to Virginia PTA)



Film Production

Primary	Kavir Paintal	Bailey's ES PTA
Intermediate	Luke Herbeck	Wolftrap ES PTA
Middle School	Erya Chai	Longfellow MS PTA
High School	Luke Caldwell	TJHSST PTSA



Fairfax County Council PTA Outstanding Interpretation Award (First Place, Advanced to Virginia PTA)



Literature		
Accessible Arts	Connor Huber	Hunt Valley ES PTA
Primary	George Bate	Flint Hill ES PTA
Intermediate	Abby Houlahan	Cherry Run ES PTA
Middle School	Katie Pierson	Wolftrap ES PTA
High School	Verity Oh	McLean HS PTSA



Fairfax County Council PTA Outstanding Interpretation Award (First Place, Advanced to Virginia PTA)



Music Composition

Primary	Taylor Gardner	Bailey's ES PTA
Intermediate	Knox Kupets	Dranesville ES PTA
Accessible Arts	Declan Puia	Eagle View ES PTA
Middle School	Brianna Le	Lake Braddock SS PTSA
High School	Chloe Stuckey	Langley HS PTSA



Fairfax County Council PTA Outstanding Interpretation Award (First Place, Advanced to Virginia PTA)



Photography

Primary

Kepler Vu

Canterbury Woods ES
PTA

Intermediate

George Gardner

Laurel Ridge ES PTA

Middle School

Dominick Choi

Great Falls ES PTSA

High School

Alyssa Sun

Langley HS PTSA



Fairfax County Council PTA Outstanding Interpretation Award (First Place, Advanced to Virginia PTA)



Visual Arts

Primary	Sanav Agarwal	Floris ES PTA
Intermediate	Avery Brown	Bush Hill ES PTA
Accessible Arts	Simon Smith	Kilmer MS PTA
Middle School	Bruno Funes	Irving MS PTA
High School	Chloe Jeong	McLean HS PTSA

Fairfax County Student VA PTA Awards 2024-2025

(Announced Feb 20, 2025)

Dance

Skylar Trimble	Bailey's ES	Primary	Award of Excellence
Kayla Chen	McLean HS	High School	Award of Merit

Film Production

Luke Caldwell	TJHSST	High School	Award of Excellence
Erya Chai	Longfellow MS	Middle	Award of Merit
Luke Herbeck	Wolftrap ES	Intermediate	Award of Merit

Literature

Connor Huber	Hunt Valley ES	Accessible Arts	Award of Excellence
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Fairfax County Student VA PTA Awards 2024-2025

(Announced Feb 20, 2025)

Music Composition

Declan Puia	Eagle View ES	Accessible Arts	Outstanding Interpretation Award
Brianna Le	Lake Braddock SS	Middle	Award of Excellence
Chloe Stuckey	Langley HS	High School	Award of Excellence

Photography

George Gardner	Laurel Ridge ES	Intermediate	Award of Excellence
Dominick Choi	Great Falls ES	Middle	Award of Merit
Alyssa Sun	Langley HS	High School	Award of Excellence


Visual Arts

Sanav Argarwal	Floris ES	Primary	Award of Excellence
Bruno Fumes	Irving MS	Middle	Honorable Mention
Simon Smith	Kilmer MS	Accessible Arts	Outstanding Interpretation Award
Chloe Jeong	McLean HS	High School	Award of Excellence

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2025-2026 Reflections Theme “I BELONG”

Many thanks to student participants, parents, judges, sponsors, FCPS and school leaders, local PTA leaders, ArtsFairfax and our local (school) PTA Reflections coordinators!



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CONGRATULATIONS!

We need local PTA membership, local PTA leaders, local Reflections leaders, and council PTA leaders and Reflections leaders!!!



AFTER CEREMONY

ADDITIONAL - GALLERY



LITERATURE – INTERMEDIATE

OUTSTANDING INTERPRETATION AWARD

Abby Houlahan

Cherry Run ES PTA

The Fox And The Bear

By: Abby Houlahan

Once there was a small fox cub who loved art, but she thought she was not good enough. So she asked for help from her friend. Her friend said, "Fear is like a cage, a cage with one way out."

"The door," the fox cub said.

"It's just a saying," the bear cub said. "The only way out is to face your fear," the bear cub said.

The fox did not listen. She wanted her art to be perfect. So with that she went home. She kept drawing on that no good piece of paper, but she could not get it right, and her buddy could not stop thinking about her, she might be feeling anxiety or stress or...or...she thought. So the bear cub visited the fox cub's house and there she was stressed and staring at her piece of paper. The bear cub told the fox cub to take a breath.

"Breathe in...Breathe out," the bear cub told the fox cub.

This time she listens. "Thank you. That helped," Fox said.

"Now remember failure is a stepping stone to success," the bear said.

"Ok I will try," Fox said.

In the morning bear and fox set off for school. Fox couldn't stop thinking about her art. But, when it was art class...Mrs. Tate the raccoon said, "Does anyone have their drawings they've been working on." Everyone raised their hand except the small fox cub.

"I guess you were right. Maybe I should accept my art the way it is," Fox said to Bear. At last, she raised her hand.

LITERATURE – MIDDLE SCHOOL

FCCPTA OUTSTANDING INTERPRETATION AWARD

Katie Pierson

Wolftrap ES PTA

My Imperfections Are My Joy

By: Katie Pierson (Wolftrap Elementary 6th Grade)

Imperfections are hard to have
Like roses and their thorns
I feel like imperfections weigh me down
While others have gifts their heart adorns

I'm not good at drawing things
Or good at singing high
I can't sink a three-pointer from outside the big black line

I don't get all 4s on my report card
I sometimes burn my toast

I can't speak in front of a crowd
And at the very most

Imperfections make me feel
Like I'm not good enough

I feel like others beat me every time
And I'm always in the rough
I used to always think this way
But I don't anymore

Because keeping up with imperfections is like having a hundred million chores.

I have ways of embracing the things

That I can, and can't do

They may seem like they are lies,

But in my heart, I know they're true

Drawing is a real tough skill

But instead, I can write

Maybe I can't draw yet

But I'm not giving up the fight

Kobe Bryant trained 6 hours a day to sink a couple shots

My stamina and steady aim

Are just based on positive thoughts

All fours on my report card

No matter what they say

Are just based on working hard

At the end of the day

It's not my fault my toaster is broken

Or that when we talk to an audience

We all get a bit scared

I know the nerves will go away if I am prepared

Instead, I focus on the things that I know I can do

They make me feel better about my problems

And now I will tell them to you

I know that I can dribble well

And I express myself through the things I write

I'm a fast and energetic reader

And I try with all my might

To be the best friend, sister, daughter, and couz

That I can truly be

My imperfections are my joy

My imperfections make me me

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LITERATURE – HIGH SCHOOL

Verity Oh

McLean HS PTSA

Part of a Whole

Trapped in a world of silence
I weave my reality
With crooked letters and jumbled words
That taunt my imperfection and haunt my dreams
Biting stares and smirks
Sparking a fire of self-doubt
Catching until it burst
Sprinkling acrid smoke of self-pity

As soon as I hovered my hand
Over the plastic hearing aid
Silence enveloped my world
Dreams shaping with a sense of peace

But your almost certain offer
An approach to my differences
Contrasting my harsh reality
Breathed a promise of friendship and embraced me
No longer whispering flames of hate
My ears reflected the blush of glass flickering near fire
Once an entirety
Now only a part I keep close
Regardless of how perfect
Or imperfect
I will start to accept myself for who I am

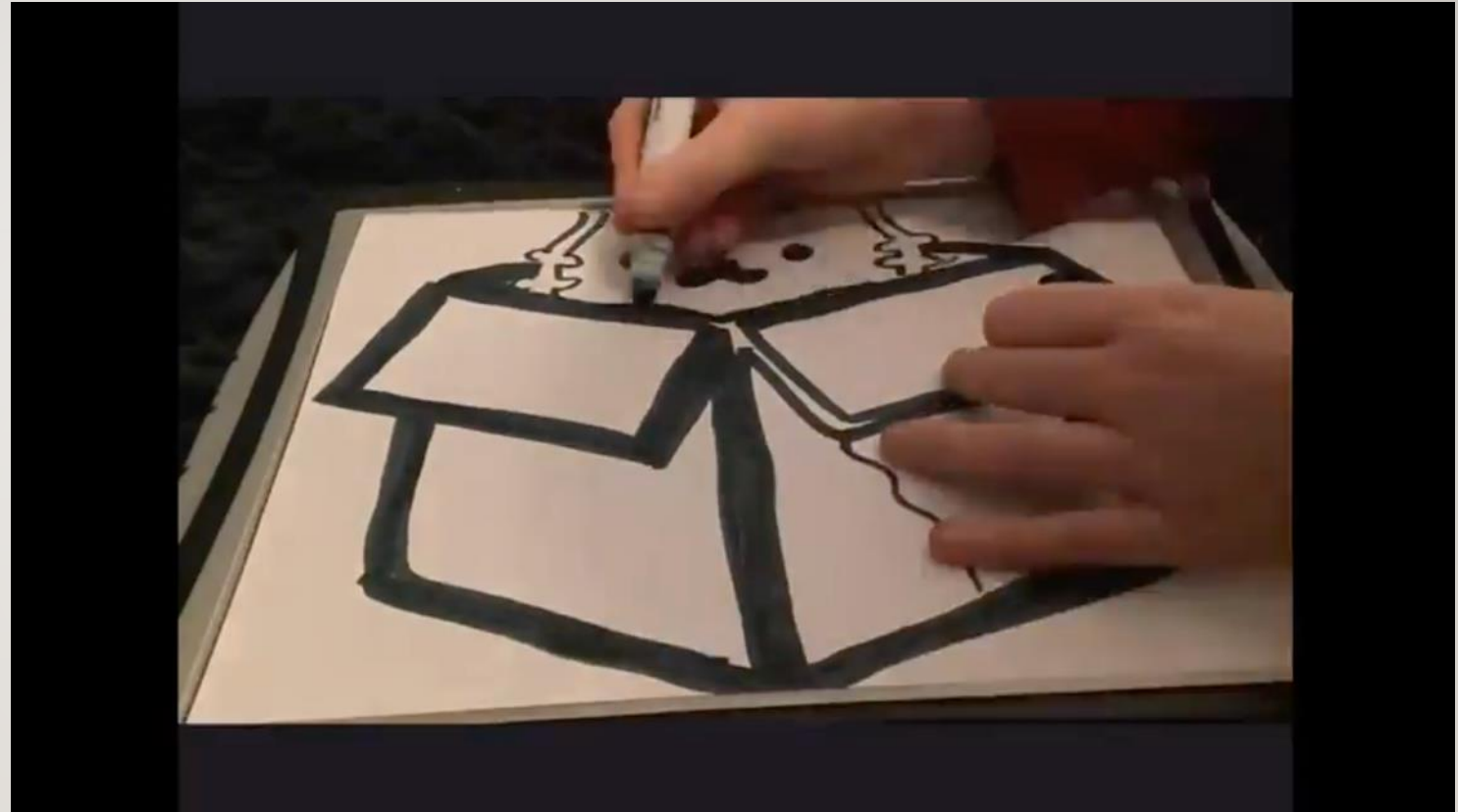
FILM PRODUCTION – INTERMEDIATE

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AWARD

VAPTA AWARD OF MERIT

Luke Herbeck

Wolftrap ES PTA



To create the music for video, Luke chose instruments and household good to make up his own song. He assembled the video in iMovie.



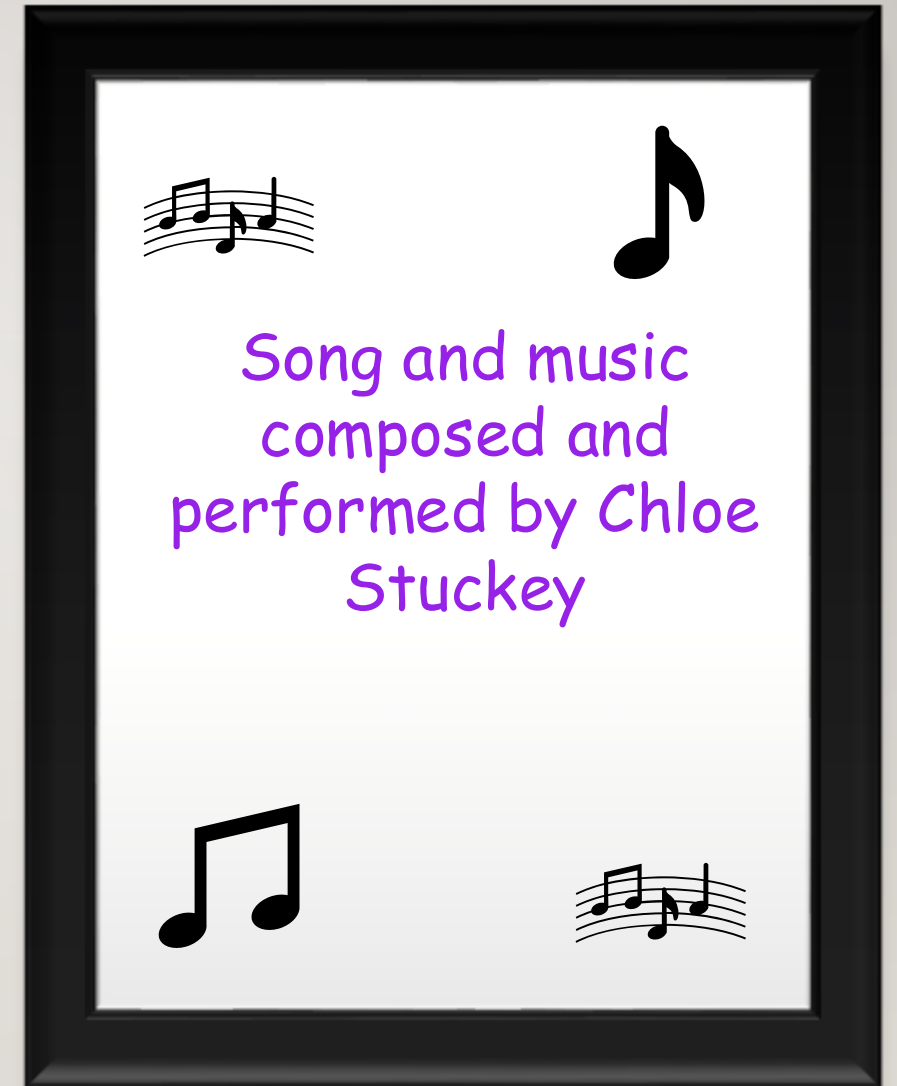
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Brianna Le

Lake Braddock Secondary School PTSA



I Know

Brianna Le

Vocals

I know I know I'm an im-per-fect soul You say

Piano

6

Vcls.

everyday that you're bet-ter than me in all your ways

Pno.

10

Vcls.

but you fear my dif-fer-ences as you fear your

Pno.

15

Vcls.

own Per-fect-tion is a

Pno.

A musical score for the song 'I Know' by Brianna Le. The score is presented in a black frame and includes vocal lines and piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 3/4. The score is divided into systems, with measures 6, 10, and 15 marked. The lyrics are: 'I know I know I'm an im-per-fect soul You say everyday that you're bet-ter than me in all your ways but you fear my dif-fer-ences as you fear your own Per-fect-tion is a'.