

Illinois State PTA Reflections “Look Within” 2019 – 2020 Results

This year, Illinois PTA received 382 entries for consideration to represent our state at the National-Level Competition. We are proud to announce the twenty-four artists advancing to National PTA along with sixty-three state Honorable Mentions. We are always amazed by the creativity of the children across Illinois year after year. To all the participating students, their parents, and local, council, district, and regional PTA volunteers...Thank you, thank you, thank you for your outstanding work!

National Advancer in the Category of Dance Choreography

Juliana Medina · Primary Division · “Looking for a Rainbow” · Virginia Lake PTA · Northwest Cook Region

Ava Dunaway · Intermediate Division · “Perfect” · Jefferson PTA (Elmhurst) · DuPage East Region

Jacob Valdez · Middle School Division · “Look Within Yourself Be Unstoppable” · O’Neil PTA · DuPage East Region

Kyle Buedel · High School Division · “Shine” · Neuqua Valley HS PTSA · DuPage West Region

State Honorable Mention in Dance Choreography

Sienna Chansey · Primary · “Dancing Hearts” · Lester PTA · DuPage East Region

Malavika Gopal · Intermediate · “Believe in Yourself” · Cowlshaw Elementary PTA · DuPage West Region

Levi Hansfield · Primary · “I’m Not Giving Up” · Longfellow PTA · DuPage West Region

Dhriti Pai · Middle School · “Unity in Diversity” · Scullen PTSA · DuPage West Region

Samia Rizzzo · Middle School · “Aerial Silks” · Walter R Sundling Jr High PTA · Northwest Cook Region

Indira Srinivas · Intermediate · “Believe in Yourself” · Fry Elementary PTA · DuPage West Region

Tara Tal · Intermediate · “My Skates and Me” · Pleasant Hill PTA · DuPage West Region

Kara Wilkinson · Intermediate · “Scars to Your Beautiful” · Pleasant Hill PTA · DuPage West Region

National Advancer in the Category of Film Production

Jesse Botts · Primary Division · “Inside Me is Awesome” · Emerson PTA · DuPage West Region

Ellie Livingston · Intermediate Division · “Extinction” · Washington Elementary PTA · DuPage West Region

Sophia Wang · Middle School Division · “Dream” · Scullen PTSA · DuPage West Region

Morgan Murphy · High School Division · “Dear Korean Mama” · Roosevelt Elementary PTA · Southern Region

State Honorable Mention in Film Production

Evangelina Angulo · Intermediate · “My Little Mini Movie” · Lieb PTA · District 34

Eddie Culbertson · Primary · “Exploding Baseball” · Westgate PTA · Northwest Cook Region

Jayden Dumar · Intermediate · “Take Two” · Einstein PTA · Northwest Cook Region

Dalila Garibay · Middle School · “Basketball Look Within Project” · Eisenhower Jr High PTA · Northwest Cook Region

Zhulieta Karaivanova · Middle School · “Look At Me Now” · Willow Bend PTA · Northwest Cook Region

Evelyn Reedy · Intermediate · “LYD” · Edison PTA · DuPage East Region

Gissell Tellez · Middle School · “How I Found My Identity” · Eisenhower Jr High PTA · Northwest Cook Region

National Advancer in the Category of Literature

Mikayla Carlson · Primary Division · “The Squirrel Who Goes Fishing” · Dryden PTA · Northwest Cook Region

Kristian Dayrit · Intermediate Division · “Inside Beauty” · East Prairie School PTA · District 21

Karina Shah · Middle School Division · “Hidden Chocolate Chips” · Campanelli PTA · Northwest Cook Region

Madonna Ovoh · High School Division · “Word” · Thornton Fractional South High School PTSA · District 19

Karol Frausto · Special Artist Division · “Summer Camp” · Posen-Gordon PTA · District 19

State Honorable Mention in Literature

Emelie Cichanski · Intermediate · “The Wishing Well” · Dooley PTA · Northwest Cook Region

Dean Deligiannis · Intermediate · “My Life” · Lincoln PTA (Elmhurst) · DuPage East Region

Kyle DeVera · Intermediate · “Heroes” · East Prairie School PTA · District 21

Amy Huynh · Middle School · “The Beauty Deep Within” · East Prairie School PTA · District 21

Amelia Jablonska · Intermediate · “Don’t Judge a Book by its Cover” · Hoover PTA · Northwest Cook Region

Charlotte Jakobi · Middle School · “Kindness Counts” · Nathan Hale PTA · Northwest Cook Region

Madhan Manikandaswamy · Middle School · “There is Always More” · Gregory PTA · DuPage West Region

Alexandra Morland · Intermediate · “Final Curtain” · Westgate PTA · Northwest Cook Region

Katie Obil · Primary · “My Family Makes Me Who I Am” · Jane Addams PTA · Northwest Cook Region

Riley Oller · Intermediate · “Me” · Maryville Elementary PTA · Southern Region

Evan Seiler · Primary · “Blue and Berry” · Field PTA · DuPage East Region

Ashley Walbring · Middle School · “Look Within Your Community” · Quincy Jr High School PTA District 8

Brendan Yerkes · High School · “Looking Within” · Oak Lawn High School · District 34

National Advancer in the Category of Music Composition

Zoey Glowaty · Primary Division · “Falling Rain” · Lincoln PTA (Wheaton) · DuPage West Region

Dylan Bennett · Intermediate Division · “Look Within” · Hawthorne PTA · DuPage East Region

Mairabella Witter · Middle School Division · “Look Within and Find the Strength to Bounce Back” · Franklin Middle School (Wheaton) · DuPage West Region

State Honorable Mention in Music Composition

Jonathan Adams · Intermediate · “Look Within Jesus” · Sanborn PTA · Northwest Cook Region

Cadence Christenson · Intermediate · “Passion Fire” · Westgate PTA · Northwest Cook Region

Olivia Cline · Intermediate · “Look Within” · Sandburg PTA · DuPage West Region

Rose Donato · Middle School · “Of Your Difference” · Sandburg PTA · DuPage East Region

Emily Griffis · Middle School · “Making Up My Mind” · Fairview PTA · Northwest Cook Region

Brynn Richardson · Intermediate · “Look Within Your Heart” · Field PTA · DuPage East Region

Ryan Wagoner · Primary · “Look Within Yourself” · Patterson Elementary PTA · DuPage West Region

National Advancer in the Category of Photography

Nolan Ratner · Primary Division · “Inside the Horses Soul” · May Watts PTA · DuPage West Region

Avery Miller · Intermediate Division · “Look Within To Find Your Heart” · Pierce Downer PTA · DuPage East Region

Dhriti Pai · Middle School · “Melting Glaciers” · Scullen PTSA · DuPage West Region

Diana Sowa · High School Division · “Everything I Love” · Oak Lawn High School PTA · District 34

Cammy Bariarz · Special Artist Division · “See My Soul” · Bower Elementary PTA · DuPage West Region

State Honorable Mention In Photography

Evan Burger · High School · “Serenity” · Neuqua Valley High School
PTSA · DuPage West Region

Annalise Carrao · Intermediate · “Different Side Of Me” · Hunting Ridge
PTA · Northwest Cook Region

Sean Casey · Primary · “Open The Door” · Kingsley PTA · DuPage
East Region

Tristan Chandler · Primary · “Fina” · Westgate PTA · Northwest Cook
Region

Olivia Gifford · Middle School · “The Roads To Take” · Memorial PTA ·
District 19

Rosemarie Grobart · Intermediate · “Inside My Brother” ·
Hammerschmidt PTA · DuPage East Region

Sophia Kennedy · Intermediate · “The Sparkle Within” · Forest Glen
PTA · DuPage West Region

Harper Myers · Middle School · “Scratching the Surface” · Lester PTA ·
DuPage East Region

Ryder Schuch · Middle School · “Look Within The Dahlia” · Thomas
Middle School PTA · Northwest Cook Region

Andrew Solar · Intermediate · “Look Within the Future” · Woodland PTA
· Northern Region

Gracie Swierczynski · Middle School · “Discovering My Heritage” ·
O’Neill PTA · DuPage East Region

Devin Tresselt · Intermediate · “Focused” · Hammerschmidt PTA ·
DuPage East Region

National Advancer in the Category of Visual Arts

Kaelyn Draughn · Primary Division · “A Princess Fairy” · Abraham
Lincoln PTA (Belleville) · Southern Region

Avery Miller · Intermediate Division · “Avery’s Inner Self” · Pierce Downer PTA · DuPage East Region

James Kurinsky · Middle School Division · “Layers” · Edison PTA · DuPage West Region

Morgan Murphy · High School Division · “The Fantasy Within” · Roosevelt Elementary PTA · Southern Region

Jakim Trella · Special Artist Division · “Look Within the Beach” · Posen-Gordon PTA · District 19

State Honorable Mention in Visual Arts

Veronica Chom · Middle School · “The Gift” · Eisenhower Jr High PTA · Northwest Cook Region

Elizabeth Cook · High School · “Look Within” · Quincy High School PTA · District 8

Isabel Duran · High School · “It’s Our Problem” · Thornton Fractional South High School PTSA · District 19

Tatiana Fernandez · High School · “Barricade” · Oak Lawn High School PTA · District 34

Abigail Fullilove · Special Artist · “Look Within My Barbie Dollhouse” · Posen-Gordon PTA · District 19

Aarish Jain · Primary · “Inner Wishes” · Nancy Young PTA · DuPage West Region

Kajol Kumar · Primary · “Look Within My Heart” · Madison Elementary School PTA · DuPage West Region

Eleanor Marrs · Primary · “Look Within” · Hunting Ridge PTA · Northwest Cook Region

Nathan Mbonu · Middle School · “Untapped Potential” · Memorial PTA · District 19

Abigail Mitchell · High School · “Fragments” · Quincy High School PTA · District 8

Toma Obayashi · Special Artist · “Memory, Appreciation & Future” ·
Metea Valley PTA · DuPage West Region

Giovanni Podagorny · Intermediate · “Reflection of My Heart” · Jane
Addams PTA · Northwest Cook Region

Emma Ramirez · Special Artist · “Look Within” · Posen-Gordon PTA ·
District 19

Agatha Stroe · Primary · “Running Free” · Sandburg PTA · DuPage
West Region

Kyle Yoda · Intermediate · “Not Just A Bamboo” · Dooley PTA ·
Northwest Cook Region

Lily Yoshihara · Middle School · “Keyhole to the Future” · Addams PTA
· Northwest Cook Region