

Poetry Society of Tennessee
Poetry Competition
Elementary Division Results 2022

1st: “Turtle” by Issac Sweeney, 4th grade, Columbia Academy, Columbia, TN, Mrs. Kathryn Phillips.

2nd: “Earth Day” by Karas Attia, 4th grade, Crockett Elementary, Brentwood, TN, Mrs. Sarah Clausen.

3rd: “Snow Storm” by Logan Carter, 5th grade, East View Elementary, Greeneville, TN, Mrs. Gina Broyles.

4th: “My Poetry” by Avery Walter, 4th grade, Chattanooga School for the Arts and Sciences, Chattanooga, TN, Miss Alyssa Colón.

5th: “Dream King” by Presley Sims, 4th grade, Columbia Academy, Columbia, TN, Mrs. Kathryn Phillips.

Honorable Mentions Elementary Division Poetry

“Lily and Me” by Fletcher Sherill, 4th grade, EastView Elementary, Greeneville, TN, Ms. Lauren King.

“There Once Was a Shark” by Bo Pillar, 4th grade, EastView Elementary, Greeneville, TN, Ms. Lauren King.

“Moon” by Caleb Roman, 6th grade, Home School, Fairview, TN, Mrs. Celia Roman.

“Look for the Blessing” by Brooklyn Hendrix, 4th grade, Unicoi Elementary, Unicoi, TN, Mrs. Elizabeth Pleasant.

“The Sound of Leaves” by Lilian Shelton, 5th grade, Oakland Elementary Oakland, TN, Ms. Michele Stuber.

Elementary School Division Judge

Lacy Snapp teaches American Literature and Composition at ETSU. She also works as a carpenter for her self-run business Luna’s Woodcraft and serves as a board member for the Johnson City Poets Collective. Her recent chapbook *Shadows on Wood* is published by Finishing Line Press (2021).

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Middle School Results 2022**

1st: “Upon your marigold arrival enters the cinnamon laced leaves” by Alexis Weatherly, 6th grade, Colonial Middle, Memphis, TN, Mrs. Amber Smith

2nd: “I put into society by being black” by Arkayla Walker, 8th grade, Colonial Middle, Memphis, TN, Mrs. Amber Smith

3rd: “Peace, I want to write you amongst all beautiful things” by Adriena Jones, 7th grade, Colonial Middle, Mrs. Amber Smith.

4th: “The Hues of Time” by Sutton Chin, 8th grade, Rockvale Middle, Rockvale, TN, Mr. Jason Manley.

5th: “We are all Queens” by Malaysia Sibert, 8th grade, Rockvale Middle, Rockvale, TN, Mr. Jason Manley.

Honorable Mention Middle School Poetry

“Thanksgiving” by Advay Adapa, 7th grade, White Station Middle, Memphis, TN, Mrs. Karla Varriano.

“Rain to Puddles” by Jasmine Tolbert, 7th grade, White Station Middle, Memphis, TN, Mrs. Karla Varriano.

“Blurry Sight” by Vanessa Sanchez Raguex, 8th grade, Colonial Middle, Memphis, TN, Mrs. Amber Smith.

“El Príncipe de la Canción” by Marijose Garcia, 7th grade, Colonial Middle, Memphis, TN, Mrs. Amber Smith.

“A Silent Killer” by Rashad Dockery, 7th grade, White Station Middle, Memphis, TN, Mrs. Karla Varriona.

“Soul Food” by Kailah Crawford, 8th grade, Rockvale Middle, Rockvale, TN, Mr. Jason Manley.

“Cookie Jar” by Ari Thompson, 7th grade, White Station Middle, Memphis, TN, Mrs. Karla Varriano.

Middle School Division Judge

Jane Hicks—teacher, writer, quilter—has published two collections of poetry: *Driving with the Dead* (University Press of Kentucky, 2014) and *Blood and Bone Remember* (Jesse Stuart Foundation, 2005). A decade apart, both books received the James Still Award for Poetry from the Appalachian Writers Association, one of the highest honors for writing in the region. Jane’s most recent work has appeared in *The Asheville Review* as well as *Appalachian Places*.

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High School Results 2022

- 1st: “Grayscale on the L Train Home” by Jerry Xiao, 10th grade, Memphis University School, Memphis, TN, Mr. Nat Akin.
- 2nd: “Playing God” by Lily Bowen, 9th grade, Harpeth Hall, Nashville, TN, Mrs. Jessie Yancey.
- 3rd: “Come Fear” by Cade Little, 12th grade, West Ridge High, Blountville, TN, Mr. Seth Grindstaff.
- 4th: “We are All Earth” by Journey Brison, 12th grade, White Station High, Memphis, TN, Ms. Ellen Dunn.
- 5th: “I think we ought to forgive the stars” by Mia Guiliano, 11th grade, Ravenwood High, Brentwood, TN, Ms. Ashley Yearsley.

Honorable Mentions High School Poetry

- “Cold” by Abigail Askea, 12th grade, West Ridge High, Blountville, TN, Mr. Seth Grindstaff.
- “A Few Things Found at the Back of the Throat” by Stephanie Bishop, 12th grade, West Ridge High, Blountville, TN, Mr. Seth Grindstaff.
- “Here, Political Engine” by Alyssa J. Lindsey, 10th grade, West Ridge High, Blountville, TN, Mr. Seth Grindstaff.
- “A Handmade Lesson” by Tanner Kramer, 12th grade, West Ridge High, Blountville, TN, Mr. Seth Grindstaff.
- “Things Found in Grandpa's Coat Pocket” by William Akard, 11th grade, West Ridge High, Blountville, TN, Mr. Seth Grindstaff.
- “The Monarch” by Allison Bennett, 12th grade, West Ridge High, Blountville, TN, Mr. Seth Grindstaff.
- “Your Pen” by Jonah Barton, Valor College Prep., Nashville, TN, Ms. Madison Leathers.

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Eye Poem Competition
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Elementary Eye Poem Division

- 1st: "Imagine" by Lyza Grace, Community Montessori School, Jackson, TN, Janie Carp.
2nd: "Wild" by Mia Nauta, Akiva School, Nashville, TN, Miss Gina Cherbonneaux.
3rd: "Cats" by Abby Wiley, Community Montessori School, Jackson, TN, Janie Carp.

Middle School Eye Poem Division

- 1st: "Beauty is Growing" by Hailee Sprout, Maryville Christian, Maryville, TN, Mrs Shane Vande Brake.
2nd: "Make" by Izel Vasquez, Jones Cove Elementary, Cosby, TN, Ms. Cole.
3rd: "Obey" by Madeline Tubbs, Maryville Christian, Maryville, TN, Mrs Shane Vande Brake.

Middle School Eye Poem Honorable Mention

- "Super" by Sarah Ward, Jonesborough Middle, Jonesborough, TN, Mrs Tracy Jones.
"Why" by Cierra Smith, White Station Middle, Memphis, TN, Karla Varriano.
"Life is experience" by Emerson Smith, Mid-South Gifted Academy, Wendy Hunt.
"Play" by Joshua Svebakken, Community Montessori School, Jackson, TN, Janie Carp.

High School Eye Poem Division

- 1st: "Diving" by Emily Simmons, Concord Academy, Memphis, TN, Mrs. Christie Marin.
2nd "A" by Kitty Walters, Faith Heritage, Millington, TN, Laurel Smith.
3rd "Powerful" by Eden Vande Brake, Maryville Christian, Maryville, TN, Mrs. Shane Vande Brake.

High School Eye Poem Honorable Mention

- "No" by Maxeden Rodgers, Concord Academy, Memphis, TN, Mrs. Christie Marin.

Eye Poem Judge: Whitney Brinkley Wright