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This is the script for the 2020 West Michigan Student Showcase. It has been changed from how it would have been organized for the stage presentation to make it easier to locate information and sections have been created to make navigation easier.

Navigating this Document

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Digital Media Arts Nominees and Performing Arts Nominees are introduced as groups for each entry. Literary and Visual Arts Nominees are introduced individually. Academic and Athletic Honorees are not included in this script as their information is located in our program, which you can also find on our website at www.westmishowcase.org.

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Digital Media Arts Nominees

Our first digital media arts nominee is proud to have created an entry that highlights the struggles that families with different backgrounds encounter in our society, like so many of his family and friends. He works at Quality Car Wash and enjoys working on his car, photography, and making videos. He plans to join the Air Force after graduating

From the Careerline Tech Center in Ottawa County...

Alec Mares

This next team has won school awards and thank their communications teacher, Mr. Norman, for his motivation. They enjoy playing basketball and helping others. Their future plans include going to Ferris State University and obtaining meaningful careers.

From Muskegon Heights Academy...

Ashton Smith, Javontae Villarreal, David Wallace, and Dareon Williams

Members of this team participate in school sports, have received awards for academics, citizenship, and sports. They are inspired by their mothers, an aunt, and Dolly Parton. They enjoy mentoring, volunteering, writing, and crochet. Their future plans include study in college and become a Physical Therapist, Kindergarten Teacher, Psychologist, and a Lawyer.

From White Cloud High School...

Abygail Derks, Rylee Hewitt, Sophie Kehr, and Valerie Saville

Our first creator has over 4,000 subscribers on YouTube and has been teaching others how to create videos for four years. He thanks his family for supporting his crazy endeavors and his friends for putting up with him shoving a camera in their faces. He works as a freelance videographer and photographer. His future plans are to study Film Production at Central Michigan University.

From Fruitport High School...

Justin Miller

Members of this team have received awards in English, Science, Drama, Band, Theatre, and Quizbowl. They are inspired by their friends and family, drama instructor Gretchen Thompson, and class advisor Jessica Wagenmaker. They enjoy writing, drawing, painting, and volunteer work. Their future plans include attending college to study Science Communication and Film Studies.

From Holton High School...

Paige Byrnes, Alexia Stewart, Abby Wisniewski, and
Emma Wisniewski

Members of this team have created videos for YouTube as well as Public Service Announcements about vaping for Mercy Health. They would like to thank their broadcast teacher, Dave Droski, for his encouragement, as well as George Lucas and Steven Spielberg for their inspiration. Their future plans include going to Muskegon Community College on the Muskegon Promise, attending Spring Arbor University, and becoming movie producers, police officers, and seeing where life takes them.

From Mona Shores High School...

Dade Breuker, Connor Fritz, and Will Urban

This creative duo has individually won awards in the Michigan Art Education Association Statewide Art Show as well as Third Place in the Digital Media Arts category in Showcase 2019.

They would like to thank their parents as well as their art teacher, Mrs. Jeruzal. They participate in art, cheerleading, student council, 4-H, as well as volunteering their time. Their future plans include studying fashion or makeup, photography, and accounting.

From Pentwater High School...

Haley Powers and Alexis Settler

Literary Arts Nominees

He is an accomplished violin performer. He has been greatly inspired by his sister Kelsey and her journey through higher education. He is a soccer referee, volunteers with his school's chapter of the National Honors Society, and plays violin. He plans to continue his education at either the University of Michigan or Michigan State University to study mathematics.

From Grand Haven High School....

LUKE LAMERE

She achieved top honors for the last two years. She is thankful to her family and coaches for their support and encouragement.

She is a member of her school's chapter of the National Honors Society. After earning an associate's degree from Muskegon Community College, she plans to transfer to Ferris State University to enroll in their sonography program.

From Grant High School....

ASHLEY LONGCORE

This student was selected by her teacher to represent her school. She recognizes Gail Salazar as a person who contributed to her achievements. She is involved with the 4H program as well as a writer's club. She plans to attend college and to one day become a veterinarian.

From Hart High School....

STAR JEWELL

She received two Silver Keys for her submissions in the 2020 Scholastic Art competition. She recognizes Mrs. Tavares and Miss Goodrich for their inspiration and help. She enjoys reading, writing, and running. She hopes to attend college and would like to be part of the track and cross country teams while there.

From Kent City High School....

ALYESKA LINSLEY

She is currently at the top of her class academically. She is thankful to her grandfather for instilling in her a love of poetry and to her family for their encouragement. She plays on her school's volleyball, basketball, and softball teams. She plans to attend college to pursue a degree in biomedical engineering.

From Mason County Eastern High School....

JESSICA SMITH

She was selected as Student of the Month twice. She recognizes her teachers for contributing to her achievements. She enjoys painting and listening to music. She will be attending college to study welding.

From Muskegon Heights Public School Academy....

ALEXIS LAMBERT

This student won second place in the 2019 Gerald R. Ford Essay Contest. She mentions Nic Nordin as a special influence on her writing and thanks him for his encouragement. She enjoys drawing, dancing, and playing instruments. She plans to acquire a Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages certification and then teaching English in South Korea.

From Newaygo High School....

MEGAN GRANT

He says excelling in English classes and showing a successful work ethic led him to being selected to represent his school. He attributes all of his success to the dedication of his parents and teachers. He enjoys reading, programming, and playing video games. He plans to attend the University of Michigan to pursue a degree in computer science.

From Oakridge High School....

KEVIN MORGAN

This student has honed her writing skills in classes such as creative writing and honors English. She recognizes her mother and Mrs. Studier and Ms. McGuinness for their support and advice. She enjoys reading, writing, and crafting. She plans to attend a community college and then transfer to a university to study literature.

From Reeths-Puffer High School....

ALLYSON PRAUSE

She was chosen to represent her school by her English teachers. She would like to thank in particular Mrs. Stariha for her support and devotion. She enjoys collecting books and painting. She plans to attend Grand Valley State University to study social work.

From Shelby High School....

RAEGAN TOVAR

This student placed in the 99th percentile for the SATs. She mentions Mr. Sineath and her parents as big supporters and inspirations for her. She volunteers to help teach kindergarten students and has also volunteered with a political campaign. She plans to attend college to study public policy.

From Spring Lake High School....

ELISE ZANDER

This student is grateful to her parents for always pushing her to do what she is passionate about. She enjoys reading, listening to music, and painting. She plans to attend Central Michigan University to major in elementary education and would like to become a teacher.

From White Cloud High School....

MADELLINE HUTSON

He has had his writing published in Boys Life magazine. He is inspired by his family, teachers, and Boy Scout troop. His hobbies include camping, hiking, and playing piano. He plans to attend Muskegon Community College and will possibly join the Air Force Reserves.

From Artios of Grand Haven....

CLYDE KELLY

She received the Frank Gerber Achievement Award in English for the 2018/2019 school year. She recognizes her mother, her friend Emily, and her writing teachers as people who are inspirational and encouraging. She enjoys swimming, writing, and drawing. She is interested in pursuing a career in the medical field and possibly having a book published.

From Fremont High School....

KAELEE TANIS

This student thanks Paul Boxer, Steve Dzwonkowski, and Shauna Hayes for helping her become a better writer. She enjoys swimming, painting, and volunteers with the animal shelter, Pound Buddies. She plans to attend Michigan State University to pursue a degree in veterinary medicine.

From Fruitport High School....

MADISON BOONE

She is thankful to her parents, Mrs. Blount, and Mrs. Dean-Rumsey for their encouragement and instruction. She is a member of the Science Olympiad, Vice President on Student Council, and a member of the jazz band. Her future plans are uncertain at this time but she may pursue a career in theatre or possibly open a bakery.

From Hesperia High School....

MCKENNA LACOUNT

This will be her third year representing her school in the Student Showcase for literary arts. She is inspired by her family and friends to always be herself. She enjoys writing, drawing, and painting. After high school she plans to continue her education and pursue a degree in science communication.

From Holton High School....

ABBY WISNIEWSKI

This student received the H.G. Bacon Academic Gold Award. She thanks her English teachers for always offering their advice and critiques. She is a competitive figure skater and also a part of the Dominican Republic Missions Team. She would like to attend the University of California, Los Angeles to focus on foreign language communication and cinematography.

From Mason County Central High School....

ABIGAIL LEESE

He thanks Mrs. McCaskey, Ms. Schaner, and Mrs. Brower for their inspiration and encouragement over the years. His hobbies include reading, writing, drawing, and gaming. In the future, he plans to become an author.

From Mona Shores High School....

MALAKAI CARR

This student says they are known for writing all the time. Special people they would like to recognize are their mother, their best friends, their choir director, and play directors. They work as an online freelance editor and also for a local bakery. They plan on studying art in college and will also be publishing a poetry collection next year.

From Montague High School....

LYNN HAWLEY

She is enrolled in an advanced placement Language and Composition class. She mentions Marco Cuevas and Erin Kilgo as inspirational people in her life. She enjoys painting, singing, and she works as a barista. She hopes to one day open a community home for adults and children in need and providing care, counseling, and basic needs.

From Muskegon High School....

MADLYNN GARVER

He is a counselor at the Author Quest writing camp. He is inspired by his English teacher Mr. Magrath to keep pushing forward. He composes music, writes poetry, and enjoys reading. He would like to travel and write after completing some courses at West Shore Community College and eventually work toward a Master's of Fine Arts degree.

From Pentwater High School....

JAXON ANDERSON

She received the Future Farmers of America's chapter scholarship award in 2019. She is inspired by her parents, sister, Mrs. Block, and young climate activists. Her hobbies include reading, drawing, and dancing. She plans to attend Muskegon Community College's early college program and after that would like to pursue a degree in sociology or dance.

From Ravenna High School....

CAITLYN SPOELMAN

She is a three-time recipient of the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association's Scholar Instrumentalist Award. She thanks Mr. Sacks for providing her opportunities to participate in large scale performances. She enjoys reading and music and volunteers for blood drives with the Red Cross. She plans on furthering her education to major in both business and accounting.

From Walkerville High School....

MARGARET SWEET

She recently directed her school's student-run play. She thanks Jessy, Lindsay, Denis, her grandmother, and her parents for their support and encouragement. She enjoys writing poetry, is involved in her school's music and theater programs, and is also on the tennis team. She plans to study elementary education in hopes of becoming a teacher.

From Whitehall High School....

BRALEY JOHNSON

Performing Arts Nominees

The group opening up Showcase 2020 consists of honor students, athletes, musicians, & singers. Among the special people in their lives they list parents, friends, their choir teacher and their pastor. They have their sights set on medicine, business, worship arts, & the Marine Corps.

Performing "Brand New"

by Ben Rector

From: Calvary Christian High School

"Open Arms" featuring: Matt Anderson, Bekah Dukes, Royce Freiburger, Kaleigh Nesbitt, Kelsey Richards, & Kendon Sutherland

Our next group is a quartet that is thankful for each other & their parents. They enjoy sports, student council, choir, family & friends. All plan to attend college & go into medicine.

Performing: "Memories"

by Maroon 5

From: Muskegon Catholic Central High School

"Erin & the Graces" - featuring:

Grace Delong, Erin LaVigne, Grace Rennells &

Grace Staniforth

This performing arts nominee has been playing the piano since age 5. He has placed in the top 2 at the MMTA Student Achievement Testing & took 1st place in the advanced division at the 2019 Awards Recital. He enjoys running, playing soccer, being active in his church group, working & volunteering weekly at a local nursing home. He plans to go to Notre Dame or Michigan to study environmental science, Spanish & music.

Performing: "All of Me"

by Jon Schmidt

From: Spring Lake High School

Clayton Glasgow

Our next performer enjoys doing puzzles, reading, writing & composing symphonies in her head. She volunteers at a local care facility where she plays the piano. Her future plans include attending Brigham Young University to major in film score production or social work.

Performing: A medley of movie tunes

From: Shelby High School

Maya Cornaby

The performer coming on stage next has been in choir & musical theatre for 4 years. She thanks her Mom, Dad, Stepmom & brother for their continued support. She likes to draw, write, sing, dance & every few years she grows her hair out to donate it to Children with Hair Loss. Her future plan is to attend Aquinas College to study political science or history.

Performing: A dramatic Performance of "Burn" from Hamilton

From: Oakridge High School

Hannah Morey

Our next group is big, musical and diverse. They are part of the Madrigal Choir, band & are participants in the theatre program. Add in a variety of sports plus cinematography, graphic design, video games, work, volunteer activities & you have 10 nominees who are always on the go.

Performing: "Someone in the Cloud"
from La La Land

From: Reeths Puffer High School

"The Crowd" featuring:

Victoria Bartholomew, Mikaya Bitely, Jaxon Carpenter,
Preston Carpenter, Hadley Halterman, Grant Kawaleski,
Jonathan Krause, Maizee Rogers, Caleb Sobolewski and
Madison Wentworth

Our Next performer is immersed in music & language. She teaches private cello lessons, is in the Muskegon Area Honors Orchestra, Orchestra Council, French Club & the Environmental Council. She is co-president of the Cabaret Fundraiser, a musical in French, & Spanish & will be conducting the pit orchestra. She plans to attend college & major in music education & French or Spanish.

Performing: "Cello Concerto No 1 in A minor" (Movement 1)
by Camille Saint- Saens

From: North Muskegon High School

Piper Meldrum-Roy

This performing arts nominee loves to play the piano & paint. She volunteers at Croton Library & the Croton Church. She is very inspired by the strength & straight forwardness of Taylor Swift. Her future plans are to attend college and to major in business.

Performing: "Pirates of the Caribbean"

by Jarred Radnich

From: Newago High School

Yusha Xie

This young lady enjoys singing, acting, playing the clarinet, reading & working with animals. She volunteers in the community with her 4H Club. She plans to attend Grand Rapids Community College to become an ER nurse.

Performing: "Not About Angels"

by Birdy

From: Hart High School

Elizabeth Vega

This young man has his ups & downs as he was 2nd in the State for Competitive yoyoing. He is ranked 3rd overall in the Midwest Region of the Country. He greatly admires Gentry Stein 2014 & 2019 World Yo Yo Champion. He is also on the golf team & the Student Senate as Sophomore Class President. He plans to attend the University of Michigan.

Performing a Yo Yo routine to "Centuries"
by Fallout Boy

From: Grand Haven High School

Gavin Hubner

This trio enjoys drawing, painting, orchestra, band, choir, watching movies & taking naps. They credit their parents, friends, choir & orchestra directors for support. They all plan to attend college going into psychology, mechanical engineering & music education.

Performing: "Eyes Shut"

by Years & Years

From: North Muskegon High School

"Sweater Weather" Featuring:

Calandra Bungart, Natalie Johnson & Piper Meldrum-Roy

Playing soccer, listening to music, traveling, shopping, watching Netflix & being with family are the things these young ladies enjoy. They thank their parents & their dance teacher for inspiration & support. They both plan to attend college, one to study Speech Pathology & one to study nursing.

Performing a tap dance to "Moses Supposes"
from "Singing in the Rain" by Gene Kelly & Donald O'Connor

From: Muskegon Catholic Central High School

Adrianna Espinoza & Brenna Kieft

Our next performer spends time playing the ukulele, painting, rock climbing & participating in theatre. She would like to thank her Mom for instilling confidence in her & her Dad for encouraging her to pick up an instrument. Her future plans include traveling the world & living a good life.

Performing: "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun"
by Cyndi Lauper

From: Grant High School

Raven Wirts

The next performer is a 3-time National Assembly of God Fine Arts Female Vocal Solo Nominee, president of her class & president of the National Honor Society. She enjoys traveling, painting, playing the piano, singing and spending time with friends. She plans to attend North Central in Minneapolis, Minn. & major in Worship Arts.

Performing: "When I Sing in My Car"
by Joey Contreras

From: Calvary Christian High School

Kaleigh Nesbitt

This group of performers enjoys theatre, dance, photography, reading, singing, soccer, figure skating & 4 H. They thank their parents, teachers, & friends for consistent support & guidance. All plan to continue their education beyond high school & one has her sights on skating in the Olympics.

Performing: "Blonde Rent"
by Lynne Ackley

From: Hart High School

"Thriving Thespians" featuring:
Lynae Ackley, Deidre Marshall, Amanda Whitaker,
Lillian Hallack, Lydia Scott & Autumn Farmer

Our next performer has won numerous awards from the Michigan Music Teachers Association, Piano Teachers Forum, & St. Cecilia Philharmonic Piano Concerto Competition. She plays piano for weddings, church event & services. She takes and teaches ballet having performed in several roles in the Nutcracker Ballet. Her future plan includes attending Grand Valley State University to pursue a degree in piano performance.

Performing: a Chopin Medley

From: Whitehall Home School Partnership

Lydia Seaver

This soloist has a long & impressive list of honors in band & choir. He plays the oboe in the Grand Rapids Youth Symphony & the saxophone in an All-State Band. He likes to read, garden, tap dance, make oboe reeds & crochet. He plans to attend college to study oboe performance.

Performing: "Ring the Bells"

by John Kander & Fred Ebb

From: Reeths-Puffer High School

Jonathan Krause

The final performers to close out our show enjoys sports, baking, working out, Boy Scouts, playing the drums & just being funny. They all thanks Mr. Isakson for his support, time and direction. Their future plans include law school, biomedical engineering, mathematics, veterinarian school, drumline technician & the Marine Corps.

Performing: Shotta Flow# 2

From: Shelby High School

"The Democracy Drummers" featuring:

Brisieda Brito, Colby Dawson, Joey Foster, Claire Gowell,
Natalie Horton, Caden Martin, Ian Purvis & Isaac Scouten

When these nominees are not playing their instruments, you can find them enjoying a variety of sports, playing video games, volunteering at church, working with the robotics team, & spending time with family. They all plan to further their education with sights on law, law enforcement, medicine, music education & sound engineering.

Performing "Sabre Dance"

by Adam Khachaturian

From: Ravenna High School

"The Dawgs" featuring

Luke Douglas, Isaac Kantola, Cheyenne Mullins,

Nicholas Scofield, Ellie Solem, Gabrielle VanWesep, &

Anna Zamora

Beyond high school these young people are looking at careers in chemistry, physics & music. But for now, they are happy baking, reading, working (to save up for a car), & volunteering at both the animal shelter & church. These musicians credit their moms & their band director for inspiration & encouragement.

Performing "A Gaelic Offering {Movement 1} Ross Cottage
by Catherine McMichael

From: Fruitport High School

"FHS Flute Quartet" featuring

Devin Cierlak, Alexis Holmes-Goodwin, Jalece Jamison, &
Brittlyn Keller

This honor student loves to play football, volunteer for WINC for all women, relax, & hang out with friends. He credits his mom & former choir teacher for their constructive criticism & encouragement. He plans to go to college to become an electrical engineer.

Performing an original song entitled "Jealous"

From: Muskegon High School

Jonathan Adams

Our next performer notes that her parents, choir director, & English teacher have been a source of encouragement. She is a Mackinac Island Honor Scout, member of the science Olympiad team, participates in choir, the school musical, & jazz band. She is also the student council vice president & class secretary. She plans to go to college & major in applied mathematics, pre-med, or open a bakery.

Performing: "Don't Rain on My Parade"

by Barbara Streisand

From: Hesperia High School

McKenna LaCount

Our next young man has performed in Showcase for the last 3 years. His passion is playing the guitar & listening to music. He is also an Interlochen Arts Camp alumnus. For inspiration & support, he thanks his parents & his musical instructors. Future plans include attending college to pursue a degree in musical performance with an emphasis on jazz guitar.

Performing an original song entitled "Overthink"

From: Pentwater High School

Jonathon VanDuinen

These performers love to play in the band. They also play chess, soccer, golf, baseball, karate, & video games. Their band director, Mr. Raab has provided a great deal of musical direction. Their future plans include music, astrophysics, engineering, and just being awesome.

Performing: "Bohemian Rhapsody"
by Queen

From: Whitehall High School

"TetraTrombones" featuring
Rylan Berndhart, Mason Inman, Alex Nguyen, & Liam Szegda

The young man coming on stage credits his parents for instilling in him the quality of hard work. He also gets encouragement from his sisters who were both Showcase participants. He plays several sports, participates in theatre, & volunteers at North Ottawa Community Hospital. He plans to attend the University of Michigan to study biology or chemistry & continue on to become a physician.

Performing "Piano Man"

by Billy Joel

From: Mona Shores High School

Matthew Yacoub

Our next performer has won numerous awards for playing her clarinet, including the distinction of being First Chair Bass Clarinet in the Calvin University Honor Band. She participates in many volunteer activities including Red Cross Blood Drives. She plans to attend college & pursue a double major in business & accounting.

Performing "Sonatina"
by Thomas Attwood Walmisley

From: Walkerville High School

Margaret Sweet

Next on our stage, is a performer who is very involved in theatre & has taken several acting classes. When she is not on stage, you can find her playing soccer, babysitting, or volunteering for the Michigan Nature Association. Her plan for the future is to go into law to become an immigration attorney.

Performing a dramatic reading of "Joan's Monologue"
by George Bernard Shaw

From: Artios Academy of Grand Haven

Reagan Visker

These group members really love music along with snowmobiling, dirt biking, baseball, basketball, football, TedTalks, & Quiz Bowl. After graduation, one will be going into welding, the others will be heading to Ferris State University, University of Michigan, & Michigan State University to become engineers & computer scientists.

Performing an original song entitled "Dark Quasar"

From: Holton High School

"B.A." featuring

Nathan Cannady, Kolten Plekes, Drew Trystad, &

Cameron Wackernagel

Our next performers are both exchange students. One is from Spain, the other is from Australia. They both love music, theatre, & concerts. They are thankful to their host families for their support & care. Both plan on going to college, one to get a degree in music the other to complete college & travel.

Performing "Little Things"
by One Direction

From: Fremont High School

Courtney Martyn & Pablo Almendro

These group members are active in Student Leadership Council, United Way, YEP, the Gay-Straight Alliance, Masque Club, Academic Olympics, cheer, & wrestling. The future will see one becoming a professional light technician, one a professional actor & one going to Central Michigan University to study musical theatre & go on to law school.

Performing "Into the Unknown" from "Frozen 2"
by Idina Menzel featuring Aurora

From: Muskegon High School

"The Icicles" featuring
Charles Hardy, Charde Lowe, & Aaliyah Reed

Chosen to represent their school at the school talent show, this group is very involved in music & theatre. They have performed in the productions of Wizard of Oz, Singing in the Rain, Mary Poppins, & Peter Pan. Beyond high school, their plan include music & performing plus going to college for photography, to work with kids, & to enter into the health care system.

Performing "Everywhere That You Are"
from "James & the Giant Peach"
by Elise McCann

From: Hesperia High School

"Friends in Harmony" featuring
Karlee Blount, Kelsee Blount, Aubrie Robertson, &
Elizabeth Shedd

Our next performer has received multiple division 1 ratings at solo & ensemble, has participated in the 2019 & 2020 MSBOA District 7 Honors Band & was the drum major in his high school band. He thanks his parents & grandmother for their support along with gratitude to Tim Priest & Katie Cadwell for inspiring his music. He plans to attend GVSU to get a degree in music education.

Performing a Euphonium solo of "Andanten & Rondo"
by Cappuzi

From: Fruitport High School

Christopher Page

Robotics, church choir & piano lessons are some of the activities on this performer's to do list. She had also received top marks at solo & ensemble - 3 at districts, and 2 at the state level. Her mom, dad, & choir director have given her support and guidance. Her future plans are to work with Child Evangelism Fellowship.

Performing "In My Dream"

by Stephen Flaherty & Lynn Ahrens

From: Whitehall High School

Cassandra Brandenburg

The performer coming on stage plays the violin, trumpet & sings. She was part of the Voyageurs International Europe Band Tour in 2019 & the MSBOA District 7 Honors Band in 2019. She writes music for violin, makes costumes, plans music videos, & enjoys drawing. She plans to attend MCC this fall to get her associates degree & go on to major in music.

Performing an original song entitled "Wander's lullaby"

From: Ravenna High School

Jessica Christiansen

The next performer loves all disciplines of dance from pointe to hip hop but her favorites are contemporary, lyrical, modern, ballet, & jazz. She has won many competition honors & is on the Senior Performance Team. She also enjoys painting, spending time outdoors, & volunteering for the Oceana Animal Friends. Her future plans include attending Adrian College to study interior design & dance.

Performing a dance to "Pray"

by Sam Smith

From: Mason County Central High School

Rylee Alway

This group lists martial arts, swimming, reading, playing piano, art, soccer, & singing as things they enjoy doing. One loves grammar & has fun editing her friends' papers while her friend says she drinks way too much coffee. They all plan to attend college, going into neonatal nursing, literature, medicine, psychology, & physical therapy.

Performing "The One Feather Tail of Miss Gertrude McFuzz"
& "Amazing Mayzie"

from "Seussical the Musical"

by Lynn Ahrens & Stephen Flaherty

From: Artios Academy of Grand Haven

"The Artios Actors" featuring

Audrey Abbott, Zoey Hammond, Katie Hatfield,

Claudia Hwang, & Frankie Kendziera

Muskegon Civic Theatre, Central Park Players, Mona Shores Players, Pops, Allegros, & the Singing Christmas Tree are some of the groups in which these girls participate. They enjoy singing, dancing, acting, & doing show lighting. All 3 plan to attend college.

Performing "You Are the Reason"
by Calum Scott

From: Mona Shores High School

The "Dreamers" featuring
Elora Bolthouse, Raine Jackson, & Ja'Niaha Lee

Our final performer to close Showcase 2020 is a member of the Stanton Street Singers, the school choir, & her church praise team. She is on the cross country & track teams, enjoys creative arts & design, & caring for her pets. Her future plans include attending college to study veterinary medicine.

Performing "O Mio Babbino Caro"
by Giacomo Puccini

From: Montague High School

Cassidy Hamann

Visual Arts Nominees

She is thankful to both her mother and her art teacher Miss Vredeveld for their encouragement regarding her artistic ventures. She is a member of the Grand Rapids Symphony Youth Chorus and has also done mission work in Guatemala. In the future, she hopes to attend college to study design, fashion, and textile arts.

From Calvary Christian School....

SOPHIA BASSETT

She attended her school's advanced portfolio class to help build her portfolio. She is grateful to her family and Mrs. Sipe for their encouragement. She enjoys dancing with the Grand Haven Dance team and also works for her family's blueberry farm. She will attend Grand Valley State University to study studio art.

From Grand Haven High School....

MEGAN ZELENKA

This student won 2nd place in the Newaygo County Arts Place photography contest. She is grateful to her art teacher Miss Kuebler for her instruction and to her mother for her honest opinions regarding her art. She enjoys painting, photography, and soccer. She plans to attend Muskegon Community College and then transfer to an art college.

From Grant High School....

DELANEY CRONK

Her artistic abilities contributed to her being nominated by her drawing teacher. She recognizes her mother as her number one supporter. She enjoys drawing, cooking, and watching documentaries. She plans to graduate from the Academy of Science, Math, and Technology before transferring to a university.

From Hart High School....

AMYA ALLEN

She placed third in the 2019 Grand Valley High School art and media exhibit. She thanks her family, friends, and Ms. Goodrich for their support and encouragement. She enjoys basketball, reading, and works as a lifeguard. She plans to attend Grand Valley State University to study nursing.

From Kent City High School....

MADELYN MAYCROFT

She is the winner of multiple 4H “Best in Show” awards for her artwork. She recognizes Jordan Goodman as an inspirational person and thanks her for her encouragement. She enjoys running, drawing, and camping. She plans to attend West Shore Community College before transferring to Michigan State University to study horticulture and natural resources.

From Mason County Eastern High School....

ADRIANNA MALBURG

This student was a finalist in the 2019 Constitution Day poster design contest. She enjoys drawing and painting in her free time. Her future plans are to attend college with the goal to earn a bachelor's degree while majoring in illustration.

From Muskegon Area Career Tech Center....

KENDALL DAVIDSON

She is the president of her school's chapter of the National Honors Society. She says art has always been a passion and she hopes to continue to grow and learn within her artistic ventures. She enjoys drawing, tennis, and playing the flute. She plans to attend college after graduating and would like to focus further on her artistic interests.

From Muskegon Catholic Central High School....

AVA ASMUS

This student is the president of her school's chapter of the National Art Honors Society. She is grateful to her teacher Mrs. Corbin for instilling in her a respect and knowledge of music. She enjoys drawing, basketball, and watching "The Office". She plans to attend Muskegon Community College and would like to study philosophy.

From North Muskegon High School....

JAALA DUNCAN

This student thanks their peers and teachers at the Careerline Tech Center for selecting their drawing to represent the school. They enjoy drawing, painting, and music. After graduation, they plan on attending college to study graphic design.

From OAISD Careerline Tech Center....

ELIJAH WYNN

She has a strong passion when it comes to creating things and likes to be challenged with new projects. She is inspired by her family, friends, and music. She enjoys learning Spanish, painting, and spending time with loved ones. She plans to attend Kendall College of Art and Design to continue refining her artistic pursuits.

From Oakridge High School....

CAMBER TANIS

She has had many pieces of art displayed at various school events. One of her greatest inspirations is her grandfather who introduced and encouraged her to pursue art. She is a cheerleader and also sings in her school's Honors choir. She plans to attend college to study psychology which she hopes leads to a career in psychiatry.

From Orchard View High School....

ALIYAH SPICER

This student's entry represents an artist's process while creating a piece of art. She is thankful to her teacher Mr. Olsen for encouraging her and helping her brainstorm ideas. She enjoys drawing, painting, and has been involved in track. She would like to attend a university after graduation to work toward a career as an art therapist.

From Reeths-Puffer High School....

LORETTA KERSTEN

She has shown artwork in the 2019 West Shore Community College Regional High School art competition. She recognizes Mrs. Stiffler and her 2nd grade art teacher as inspirational people. She enjoys reading, drawing, and volunteers with Project Lend-A-Hand. She is interested in continuing her education in the health field and possibly becoming a medical illustrator.

From Shelby High School....

YASMIN TOMAS

She mentions her dad and sister as people who have contributed to her achievements. She enjoys drawing, running, and is also enlisted in the army national guard. She plans to continue on with the armed forces after graduation before moving on to something else.

From Spring Lake High School....

PHOEBE BENSON

She's won local art competitions in 2017 and 2019. Sources of inspiration for her are Janessa, Parker, YouTube videos, and music playlists. She enjoys band, playing piano, and creating art. She plans to attend college and then attend medical school to become a radiologist.

From White Cloud High School....

LYDIA GEIGLE

This student received a Judge's Choice award for painting in the 2019 Grand Haven Art Walk. She is inspired by music and film. Some of her hobbies include skateboarding, photography, writing, and listening to music. She hopes to continue making art in the future.

From Artios of Grand Haven....

SKYLAR ZIEGLER

She has been recognized for her art for the True North art competition. She recognizes her art teacher, Mrs. Pekel, for being very inspirational and always challenging her to be creative. She enjoys visiting art museums and studying art eras. She plans to attend Muskegon Community College to continue studying art and graphic communications.

From Fremont High School....

KAITLYN SANBORN

This student is a silver key recipient in the 2020 Scholastic Art and Writing competition. Inspirational people in her life include her friends, family, and art teachers. She enjoys art and crocheting and is employed with Zervis Service and Maintenance. She would like to one day start her own business creating art.

From Fruitport High School....

ALICIA RALYA

This student won a True North Arts scholarship for 2019. She thanks her mother and sister for being a part of her life's achievements. She enjoys volleyball and softball and also participates in her school's quiz bowl. She hopes to attend college to major in psychology.

From Hesperia High School....

ARIA THOMAS

She was a visual arts nominee for Showcase 2017. She is thankful to her parents and siblings for their love and support and also to her teacher Mrs. Olson for believing in her. She enjoys painting, drawing, and spending time with her family. She plans to attend Ferris State University to study psychology.

From Holton High School....

HANNAH THOMPSON

She is the current reigning 2019 Miss Mason County. She is thankful to Mr. Richert, Miss Brock, and her brother for being inspirational and encouraging. She enjoys kayaking, painting, and volunteers with many programs and organizations. She plans to attend Grand Valley State University to study marketing, sales, and business communication.

From Mason County Central High School....

JENNIE GOLASZEWSKI

This student was chosen by his drawing teacher, Ms. Drelles, to submit a piece inspired by a location in an imaginary world he created. In his free time he enjoys drawing, writing, and playing his upright bass. He is interested in pursuing a career in the arts or becoming an author.

From Mona Shores High School....

ZACHARY SCHNOTALA

She has won awards for her watercolor submission in an art show at the Nuveen Center. She is inspired by her art teacher Miss Bernardi to continue expanding her artistic pursuits. She enjoys reading, making art, and spending time with loved ones. She plans to write, teach yoga, and stay involved with the arts.

From Montague High School....

VIOLET RENNA

He was nominated to represent his school by a panel of his teachers. He recognizes Sally Purchase as an inspirational person in his life. As a player for the Muskegon Big Reds, he enjoys practicing with his basketball team. After graduating, he plans to attend college to pursue either art or sports.

From Muskegon High School....

SAMARRI KNOX

He won two 2nd place awards in the 21st annual High School Art competition hosted by West Shore Community College. He is thankful to his family and to his art teacher Mrs. Jeruzal. He enjoys creating art, listening to music, and drinking coffee. He plans to finish high school and early college then transfer to a university to study graphic design.

From Pentwater High School....

LUCAS QUINTEROS

This student has had artwork exhibited in the Congressional Art Competition. She is greatly inspired by music. Her hobbies include fishing, drawing, and baking. Although she is not certain she has considered studying to become a teacher or possibly attending trade school to study welding.

From Ravenna High School....

BROOKE SHIREY

This student was nominated by her advisor to represent her school. She would like to recognize her parents as people who have contributed to her achievements. Her hobbies include drawing, painting, sports, and watching anime. At this time, she is undecided concerning her future plans.

From Walkerville High School....

JENNA DRUM

This student was nominated to represent her school by her art teacher, Mr. Sigmon. She says she finds beauty and inspiration in contrasting colors and natural elements. She enjoys reading, cooking, and coffee. She would like one day to own a coffee shop and bakery that would display artist's works.

From Whitehall High School....

GRACE STOUT