

We sincerely thank all the students who participated in the 2020-21 PTA Reflections Program. In these challenging times, you created in basements, garages, backyards, hallways and out in nature to express this year's theme. Two hundred thirty-seven virtual entries, representing all six arts categories, were received at the state level. More than eighty schools, in seven of our PTA Regions, met the challenge to submit entries expressing how "I Matter Because..." while PTA leaders, school staff and parents stepped up to encourage, support, document and upload their imaginative students' works.

We are thrilled to announce the twenty-six entries advanced to the National PTA level and acknowledge the forty-eight Illinois PTA Honorable Mentions below:

**Advanced to the National Level – Dance Choreography**

**Kaitlyn Bauske** \* Primary Division \* **True Colors Matter** \* Thomas Jefferson PTA \* Northwest Cook Region

**Indira Srinivas** \* Intermediate Division \* **Can't Put Me Down** \* Fry PTA \* DuPage West Region

**Dhriti Pai** \* Middle School Division \* **Unstoppable** \* Scullen PTSA \* DuPage West Region

**Kylie Buedel** \* High School Division \* **Butterfly Effect** \* Neuqua Valley PTSA \* DuPage West Region

**State Honorable Mention – Dance Choreography**

**Olivia Cho** \* Primary Division \* **Confident** \* Longfellow PTA \* DuPage West Region

**Aubrielle Russell** \* Primary Division \* **Bigger** \* Stevenson PTA \* Northwest Cook Region

**Kelsey Howard** \* Intermediate Division \* **Be Strong** \* Nancy Young PTA \* DuPage West Region

**Dhethikshaa Theyagarajan** \* Intermediate Division \* **Confidence Dance** \* Pleasant Hill PTA \* Northwest Cook Region

**Chase Chansey** \* Middle School Division \* **We are all Unique** \* Lester PTA \* DuPage East Region

**Reese Lingertot** \* Middle School Division \* **Dance Matters** \* Highland PTA \* DuPage East Region

**Advanced to the National Level – Film Production**

**Shea Coleman** \* Primary Division \* **Dream Matters** \* Hawthorne PTA \* DuPage East Region

**Jai Viswanathan** \* Intermediate Division \* **I Am Unique** \* May Watts PTA \* DuPage West Region

**Devin Joseph** \* Middle School Division \* **You Can Make a Difference** \* Thomas Middle School PTA \* Northwest Cook Region

**Augustine Gallespen** \* High School Division \* **Leaves Will Continue to Grow** \* Neuqua Valley PTSA \* DuPage West Region

**State Honorable Mention – Film Production**

**Delaney Horner** \* Primary Division \* **I Matter Because I'm Unique in Different Ways** \* Lester PTA \* DuPage East Region

**Zayan Kalia** \* Primary Division \* **Zayan Matters** \* Fry PTA \* DuPage West Region

**Scarlett Hudzik** \* Intermediate Division \* **Last Shot** \* Carl Sandburg PTA \* DuPage West Region

**Samarth Sringeri** \* Intermediate Division \* **Many I's Make We** \* Fry PTA \* DuPage West Region

**Gracie Zelasko** \* Intermediate Division \* **Why Gracie Matters** \* Fischer PTA \* DuPage East Region

**Vivienne DeRosa** \* Middle School Division \* **You Can Make a Difference** \* Thomas Middle School PTA \* Northwest Cook Region

**Avery Miller** \* Middle School Division \* **Animated Matter** \* Pierce Downer PTA \* DuPage East Region

**Hailey Rabideaux** \* High School Division \* **Talk to Me Animatic** \* Oak Lawn High School PTSA \* District 34/South Suburban Cook Region

**Advanced to the National Level – Literature**

**Evan Seiler** \* Primary Division \* **I Am** \* Field PTA \* DuPage East Region

**Prakriti Kashyap** \* Intermediate Division \* **A Star in the Sky** \* May Watts PTA \* DuPage West Region

**Aubrey Thomas** \* Middle School Division \* **I Matter Now and Forever** \* Granger Middle School PTA \* DuPage West Region

**Manasa Boppudi** \* High School Division \* **Knowledge Is Power** \* Neuqua Valley PTSA \* DuPage West Region

**Sanya Kapoor** \* Special Artist Division \* **I Am From** \* Metea Valley PTSA \* DuPage West Region

### State Honorable Mention – Literature

**Greta Hirthe** \* Primary Division \* **I Matter** \* Hillcrest PTA \* DuPage East Region  
**Arya Patalia** \* Primary Division \* **I Matter Because** \* DeLay-Lace PTA \* DuPage East Region  
**Nishika Dubey** \* Intermediate Division \* **A Monochromatic Life Vs a Polychromatic Rainbow** \* Cowlshaw PTA \* DuPage West Region  
**Nicholas Grochowski** \* Intermediate Division \* **LUCY GIRL** \* Ardmore PTA \* DuPage East Region  
**Rowan Hoppe** \* Intermediate Division \* **Life of a Tree** \* Hawthorne PTA \* DuPage East Region  
**Sophia Fung** \* Middle School Division \* **Is This A Dream?** \* Thomas Middle School PTA \* Northwest Cook Region  
**Griffin Larson-Erf** \* Middle School Division \* **Helping Out** \* East Prairie School PTA \* District 21/West Suburban Cook Region  
**Hansika Modupalli** \* Middle School Division \* **We Matter** \* Thomas Middle School PTA \* Northwest Cook Region  
**Althea Rejuso** \* Middle School Division \* **Anxiety** \* East Prairie School PTA \* District 21/West Suburban Cook Region  
**Seunghui Ha** \* High School Division \* **Limitless Color Spectrums** \* Neuqua Valley PTSA \* DuPage West Region

### Advanced to the National Level – Music

**Elsie Proctor** \* Primary Division \* **I Matter** \* Fischer PTA \* DuPage East Region  
**Aditya Kashyap** \* Intermediate Division \* **Live Happy , Be Merry** \* Lincoln Prairie PTSA \* Northwest Cook Region  
**Vrishank Ramnath** \* Middle School Division \* **Part of the Whole** \* Scullen PTSA \* DuPage West Region  
**Joey Sweeney** \* High School Division \* **Pick Your Poison** \* Waubonsie Valley PTA \* DuPage West Region

### State Honorable Mention – Music

**Aditya Kovvuri** \* Primary Division \* **I'm Rare, I Care and I Matter** \* Cowlshaw PTA \* DuPage West Region  
**Charlie Smith** \* Primary Division \* **Original Drumbeat** \* Jackson PTA – Elmhurst \* DuPage East Region  
**Amelia Ahlgrim** \* Intermediate Division \* **I am Calm** \* Hammerschmidt PTA \* DuPage East Region  
**Heidi Huntington** \* Intermediate Division \* **Climbing Stairs** \* Graham PTA \* DuPage West Region  
**Ryan Flight** \* Middle School Division \* **Reflection** \* Thomas Middle School PTA \* Northwest Cook Region  
**Emily Griffis** \* Middle School Division \* **Comfort** \* Keller PTA \* Northwest Cook Region

### Advanced to the National Level – Photography

**Heather Campbell** \* Primary Division \* **Showing Shadows** \* Lincoln PTA - Wheaton \* DuPage West Region  
**Charles Connor** \* Intermediate Division \* **Towering Tree** \* Lincoln School PTA – Elmhurst \* DuPage East Region  
**Rishi Suresh** \* Middle School Division \* **Life in Bleak Times** \* Lincoln Prairie PTSA \* Northwest Cook Region  
**Chae Rin West** \* High School Division \* **Self Aware** \* Oak Lawn High School PTSA \* District 34/South Suburban Cook Region

### State Honorable Mention – Photography

**Rachel Avila** \* Primary Division \* Rachel Matters \* Whittier PTA \* DuPage East Region  
**Jade Leo Hathaway Miranda** \* Primary Division \* **My Long Special Hair** \* Whittier PTA \* DuPage East Region  
**Lena Huntington** \* Primary Division \* **Bubbling Up** \* Graham PTA \* DuPage West Region  
**Kelsey Howard** \* Intermediate Division \* **Here for You** \* Nancy Young PTA \* DuPage West Region  
**Adhithi Voora** \* Intermediate Division \* **The Matter of Happiness** \* May Watts PTA \* DuPage West Region  
**Emma Adams** \* Middle School Division \* **The Rose of Togetherness** \* Monroe PTA \* DuPage West Region  
**Avery Miller** \* Middle School Division \* **Forging MY path** \* Pierce Downer PTA \* DuPage East Region  
**Caroline Costello** \* High School Division \* **The Path One Takes** \* Waubonsie Valley PTA \* DuPage West Region

### Advanced to the National Level – Visual Arts

**Aadya Nayak** \* Primary Division \* **I Matter Because - I Am Kind and Responsible** \* May Watts PTA \* DuPage West Region  
**Arundhavi Jayakumar** \* Intermediate Division \* **I Matter Because** \* May Watts PTA \* DuPage West Region  
**Avery Miller** \* Middle School Division \* **Swirly Thoughts** \* Pierce Downer PTA \* DuPage East Region  
**Persephone Adamson** \* High School Division \* **Human** \* Metea Valley PTSA \* DuPage West Region  
**Finley Cunningham** \* Special Artist Division \* **The Mind of Importance** \* Paddock PTA \* Northwest Cook Region

**State Honorable Mention – Visual Arts**

**Manit Jain** \* Primary Division \* **Live and let live** \* Lincoln Prairie PTSA \* Northwest Cook Region

**Shriyans Repala** \* Primary Division \* **Treasure for Future** \* Peterson PTA \* DuPage West Region

**Neka Chwojko** \* Intermediate Division \* **A Helpful Community** \* Lincoln School PTA – Elmhurst \* DuPage East Region

**Noah Giangreco** \* Intermediate Division \* **My Importance** \* Marion Jordan PTA \* Northwest Cook Region

**Julian Lozano** \* Intermediate Division \* **I Matter Because I Have Big Dreams of Becoming an Architect/City Construction Worker** \* Posen-Gordon PTA \* District 19/South Suburban Cook Region

**Aanya Mehta** \* Intermediate Division \* **I Matter** \* Pleasant Hill PTA \* Northwest Cook Region

**Nina Brown** \* Middle School Division \* **Do I, really?** \* Edison Middle PTSA \* District 10/East Central Region

**Sofia Commodaro** \* Middle School Division \* **We Are In This Together** \* Pleasant Hill PTA \* Northwest Cook Region

**Delilah Kamins** \* Middle School Division \* **A Spark In The Dark** \* Churchville Middle School PTA \* DuPage East Region

**Katie Kempf** \* Middle School Division \* **Be Different Be You** \* Lincoln Prairie PTSA \* Northwest Cook Region

