Congratulations to all the students who participated in the 2022-23 PTA Reflections cultural arts program! We are so very proud of those who created such amazing works of artistic expression. Two hundred eighty-eight entries, representing all six arts categories, were received at the state level. More than ninety schools, in seven of our PTA Regions, submitted entries reflecting the theme “Show Your Voice!” as PTA leaders, school staff and parents stepped up to encourage and support our imaginative students’ works.

All student Reflections entries that advanced to the Illinois PTA state level will be on display at our Spotlight celebration at Millikin University on May 7. Save the date and join us!

Entries advanced to the National Level have been submitted for further review. These entries may receive additional National recognition announced on May 1.

We are thrilled to announce the twenty-six entries advanced to the National PTA level and acknowledge the State Awards of Artistic Distinction and Honorable Mentions:

**Advanced to the National Level – Dance Choreography**
Rosemary Radosevich * Primary * Be Brave * Carl Sandburg PTA * DuPage West Region
Kennedy Burklow * Intermediate * untitled * Hawthorne PTA * DuPage East Region
McKenna Blonn * Middle School * Words * Highland School PTA * DuPage East Region
Debanshi Dey * High School * Free to Be True * Neuqua Valley PTSA * DuPage West Region

**State Honorable Mention – Dance Choreography**
Reyansh Chikhalia * Primary * Let’s Get Loud * MacArthur PTA * Northwest Cook Region
Anisha Campbell * Intermediate * Steps of Snow * Peterson PTA * DuPage West Region
Keira O’Donoghue * Intermediate * Listen * Hillcrest PTA * DuPage East Region
Mahie Sibal * Intermediate * Dance Choreography * Churchill PTA * Northwest Cook Region
Ava Vellurattil * Middle School * I Am Unstoppable * Bryan PTA * DuPage East Region

**Advanced to the National Level – Film Production**
Tyler Holmes * Primary * You Too Can be a Hero * El Sierra PTA * DuPage East Region
George Onken * Intermediate * A Kid Who Showed His Voice- Ryan White * Lester PTA * DuPage East Region
Kashvi Pandit * Middle School * Maya’s Dilemma * Campanelli PTA * Northwest Cook Region

**State Honorable Mention – Film Production**
Kora Hass * Intermediate * The Hidden Me * Bower PTA * DuPage West Region
Anja Hjerpe * Intermediate * Shelly the Turtle Lost and Found * Pleasant Hill PTA * DuPage West Region
Advanced to the National Level – Literature
Teagan Holtrup * Primary * The Boy Hoo Toks Olot (The Boy Who Talks A Lot) * Hillcrest PTA * DuPage East Region
Mikayla Carlson * Intermediate * Rolling Into Life * Dryden PTA * Northwest Cook Region
Rowan Hoppe * Middle School * The Spark * Sandburg Middle School PTA * DuPage East Region
Sara Jordan * High School * Hidden in Valhaven * Oak Lawn High School PTSA * South Suburban Cook Region
Joel Adams * Special Artist * A Basketball Boy Tale * York High School PTSA * DuPage East Region

State Award of Artistic Distinction – Literature
Chierika Ibe* Intermediate * My Voice * Aldrin PTA * Northwest Cook Region
Raina Wilson * Middle School * My Hair * Sunnybrook School District 171 PTA * South Suburban Cook Region
Destinee Murphy * High School * Who Am I? * Urbana High School PTSA * East Central Region

State Honorable Mention – Literature
Jessica Fischer * Primary * The Forgetful Wedding * Fairmount PTA * DuPage East Region
Emily Luther * Intermediate * 13 Ways of Looking at Books * Ardmore PTA * DuPage East Region
Adhya Prabhakar * Intermediate * Save the World from Pollution * Pleasant Hill PTA * Northwest Cook Region
Lynee Whiteid * Intermediate * Acceptance of Others * Dooley PTA * Northwest Cook Region
Zuzu Keiffer * Middle School * Story of Stolen Voices * Sundling PTA * Northwest Cook Region
Beatrice Nelson * Middle School * Tyke * Franklin Middle School PTA * DuPage West Region
Sarah Perry * Middle School * Write Your Voice * Sunnybrook School District 171 PTA * South Suburban Cook Region
Nadeen Abu Saleh * High School * Little Hearts * Oak Lawn High School PTSA * South Suburban Cook Region

Advanced to the National Level – Music
Daniel Sosa Chuta * Primary * Three Little Words * Lincoln PTA * DuPage West Region
Amelia Ahlgrim * Intermediate * Born to Shine * Hammerschmidt PTA * DuPage East Region
Wren Page * Middle School * Flying High * Franklin Middle School PTA * DuPage West Region
Paul Casco * High School * Ghost Savior * Neuqua Valley PTSA * DuPage West Region

State Award of Artistic Distinction – Music
Anisha Campbell * Intermediate * Expressions * Peterson PTA * DuPage West Region

State Honorable Mention – Music
Isaac Burk * Primary * The Golden Marble * Butterfield PTA * DuPage East Region
Zachary Smith * Primary * Different Beats * Jackson PTA – Elmhurst * DuPage East Region
Juliana Medina * Intermediate * Say It * Winston Campus Elementary PTA * Northwest Cook Region
Joe Scapillato * Intermediate * Heroes' Reign * Patton PTA * Northwest Cook Region
Hannah Murphy * Middle School * Don't hold In * Bryan PTA * DuPage East Region

Advanced to the National Level – Photography
Olive Hickman * Primary * Hymnal: Methodist Church * Winston Campus Elementary PTA * Northwest Cook Region
Adhithi Voora * Intermediate * Voice of Hope * May Watts PTA * DuPage West Region
Gavr Gupta * Middle School * Standout * Crone Middle School PTSA * DuPage West Region
Leydi Gonzalez * High School * A thousand sunflowers * Oak Lawn High School PTSA * South Suburban Cook Region
Nathan Jakobi * Special Artist * "Talker Chillin in Leaves!" * Hale PTA * Northwest Cook Region

State Award of Artistic Distinction – Photography
Hudson Giangreco * Intermediate * My Voice Can Include Others * Marion Jordan PTA * Northwest Cook Region
Charlie Bromley * Middle School * A Nation of Voices * Frost PTA * Northwest Cook Region
State Honorable Mention – Photography

Elin Carlson * Primary * A Whisper in the Ear * Whittier PTA * DuPage East Region
Sophia Taglia * Primary * Stand Up For Yourself * Hawthorne PTA * DuPage East Region
Everlee Herb * Intermediate * Brave and Bows * Ardmore PTA * DuPage East Region
Isabella Spencer * Intermediate * Finding the Peace Within * Calvin Coolidge PTA * South Suburban Cook Region
Gracie Collins * Middle School * The "Curtains' Voice" * Hubble Middle School PTA * DuPage West Region
Lily Hansen * High School * I’m Not Less Than * Oak Lawn High School PTSA * South Suburban Cook Region
Freyja Marks * High School * Deliberation * Oak Lawn High School PTSA * South Suburban Cook Region

Advanced to the National Level – Visual Arts

Haley Dixit * Primary * My Voice Matters * Maercker School District 60 PTA * DuPage East Region
Zabrielle Gower * Intermediate * K-Pop World * Twin Echo PTA * Southern Region
Claire Seagreaves * Middle School * Syllabols of Change * Herrick PTA * DuPage East Region
Jerry Zhou * High School * Echoes of a Million Cries * Neuqua Valley PTSA * DuPage West Region
Makayla Conard * Special Artist * Don’t Pick On Other People * DeLay-Lace PTA * DuPage East Region

State Award of Artistic Distinction – Visual Arts

Emma Scovic * Middle School * Butterflies: Better When They Fly * Winston Campus Jr Hi PTA * Northwest Cook Region
Inseeya Nomani * High School * untitled * Neuqua Valley PTSA * DuPage West Region

State Honorable Mention – Visual Arts

Gavin Dahm * Primary * my voice in comics * Ardmore PTA * DuPage East Region
Lara Parekh * Primary * Love Speaks Volumes * Wiesbrook PTA * DuPage West Region
Naya James * Intermediate * Blossoming Voices * Highland School PTA * DuPage East Region
Rishan Kolli * Intermediate * Actions Matter * Lincoln Prairie PTSA * Northwest Cook Region
Eisley McCallister * Intermediate * My Voice * Jefferson PTA * Southern Region
Aerona Azad * Middle School * Protest of Voices * Monroe PTA * DuPage West Region
Sydney Fils * Middle School * This is Me * Edison Middle School PTA * DuPage West Region
Sonia Krzepisz * Middle School * No More War! * Collins PTA * Northwest Cook Region
Avalon Ogolsky * High School * Pressure * Urbana High School PTSA * East Central Region
MacKenzie Petersen * High School * Spill * York High School PTSA * DuPage East Region