



Illinois PTA Reflections Program 2023-24 Results



Congratulations to all the students who participated in the 2023-24 PTA Reflections cultural arts program! We are so very proud of those who created such amazing works of artistic expression. Two hundred eighty-five entries, representing all six arts categories, were received at the state level. Hopes and dreams abounded as students, in six of our PTA Regions, submitted entries reflecting the theme “I am Hopeful Because...” while PTA leaders, school staff and parents stepped up to encourage and support our innovative students’ works. Thank you to all who participate and make the Reflections program possible.

All Reflections entries that advanced to the Illinois PTA state level will be on display during our Spotlight celebration at Centennial High School in Champaign on May 18. Save the date, watch for details 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 excited to announce the twenty-seven entries advanced to the National PTA level and acknowledge the State Awards of Artistic Distinction and State Honorable Mentions:

Advanced to the National Level – Dance Choreography

Cecilia Radosevich * Primary * **Somebody Loves Me** * Carl Sandburg PTA * DuPage West Region

Sydney Maschek * Intermediate * **finding strength** * Highland PTA * DuPage East Region

Zachary Yee * Middle School * **Friends** * Herrick Middle School PTA * DuPage East Region

State Honorable Mention – Dance Choreography

Abby Dahlquist * Primary * **Feeling hopeful and enchanted** * Carl Sandburg PTA * DuPage West Region

Evelyn Black * Intermediate * **Untitled** * Field PTA * DuPage East Region

Addison O’Neill * Intermediate * **Welcome to Wonderland** * Young PTA * DuPage West Region

Addison Trapp * Intermediate * **Hopefull** * Roosevelt PTA * Southern Region

Sophie Horn * Middle School * **Untitled** * Maercker District 60 PTA * DuPage East Region

Advanced to the National Level – Film Production

Anneliese Moody * Primary * **Snow** * Pierce-Downer PTA * DuPage East Region

Arcadio Coronado * Intermediate * **Math Attack** * Winston Campus Elem PTA * Northwest Cook Region

Riley Grice * Middle School * **Hope** * Winston Campus Elem PTA * Northwest Cook Region

Oliver Rabideaux * High School * **Rise The Moon** * Oak Lawn High PTSA * South Suburban Cook Region

State Honorable Mention – Film Production

Jesse Botts * Intermediate * **Dandelions in the Wind** * Emerson PTA * DuPage West Region

Hetvi Vyas * Intermediate * **Hope Makes Your Wish Come True** * Collins PTA * Northwest Cook Region

Henry Muranaka * Middle School * **Hope Through Patience** * Dooley PTA * Northwest Cook Region

Advanced to the National Level – Literature

Mitchell Onken * Primary * **Hope On A Boat** * Lester PTA * DuPage East Region
Umang Sinha * Intermediate * **Music Box** * Link PTA * Northwest Cook Region
Isla Reedy * Middle School * **Hope is the Key** * Sandburg Middle School PTA * DuPage East Region
Idhant Ranjan * High School * **Live for more - the glass half full** * Neuqua Valley PTSA * DuPage West Region
Sanya Kapoor * Special Artist * **Seizing my Tomorrow*** Metea Valley PTSA * DuPage West Region

State Award of Artistic Distinction – Literature

Noelle Cho * Intermediate * **The Earth of Hope for the Day to Come** * Lowell PTA * DuPage West Region
Leland Davis * Middle School * **Hope is Found in Nature** * Sunnysbrook School Dist 171 PTA * South Suburban Cook Region
Sema Sofuoglu * Middle School * **Hope** * Mead Jr High School PTA * Northwest Cook Region

State Honorable Mention – Literature

Nitara Rustogi * Primary * **The Hopeful World of Annie** * Young PTA * DuPage West Region
Samra Hrnac * Intermediate * **We are hopeful because...** * Culver School PTA * West Suburban Cook Region
George Synowiec * Intermediate * **Eco-Champion Cosmic Crown of Awesomeness** * Collins PTA * Northwest Cook Region
Rachel Bourgeois * Middle School * **Where to Find Hope** * Winston Campus Jr High PTA * Northwest Cook Region
Lilah Leach * Middle School * **Darla's Curls** * Lorena Ave PTA * Southern Region
Ishaanvi Vemula * High School * **The Power of Hope: Reasons to Stay Optimistic** * Metea Valley PTSA * DuPage West Region

Advanced to the National Level – Music

Isaac Burk * Primary * **Building My Future** * Butterfield PTA * DuPage East Region
Anisha Campbell * Intermediate * **Hope is Always There** * Peterson PTA * DuPage West Region
Eva Tamhane * Middle School * **Tomorrow** * Mead Jr High School PTA * Northwest Cook Region
Aruna Nagabhushan * High School * **Where Words Fail, Music Heals** * Neuqua Valley PTSA * DuPage West Region
Parker Lewis * Special Artist * **Parker's Song** * Lorena Avenue PTA * Southern Region

State Award of Artistic Distinction – Music

Kavel Gupta * Intermediate * **A Hopeful Future** * Campanelli PTA * Northwest Cook Region
Nithin Srinivasan * Intermediate * **Hope is the Light** * Patterson PTA * DuPage West Region

State Honorable Mention – Music

Jack Friedland * Primary * **I Like My Friends** * Wiesbrook PTA * DuPage West Region
Mishka Pattanayak * Intermediate * **You and Me** * White Eagle PTA * DuPage West Region
Joe Scapillato * Intermediate * **New Era** * Patton PTA * Northwest Cook Region
Renaisha Chikhalia * Middle School * **Bright Future** * MacArthur PTA * Northwest Cook Region
Alicia Mathew * High School * **Cuando Veo el Sol** * Metea Valley PTSA * DuPage West Region

Advanced to the National Level – Photography

Carlie Kanas * Primary * **Fly to Your Dreams** * Kimball Hill PTA * Northwest Cook Region
George Synowiec * Intermediate * **Where Hope Grows** * Collins PTA * Northwest Cook Region
Christine Li * Middle School * **The Future** * Plum Grove PTSA * Northwest Cook Region
Isabel Juarez * High School * **El Sonido de Las Estrellas (Sound of the Stars)** * Oak Lawn High School PTSA * South Suburban Cook Region
Nathan Jakobi * Special Artist * **My Charlotte** * Hale PTA * Northwest Cook Region

State Award of Artistic Distinction – Photography

Aarya Sobti * Middle School * **Rays of Hope** * Gregory PTA * DuPage West Region

Shauni Jacobs * High School * **Forever at My Feet** * Oak Lawn High School PTSA * South Suburban Cook Region

State Honorable Mention – Photography

Lydia Onken * Primary * **A Little Hand Full Of Hope** * Lester PTA * DuPage East Region

Lena Huntington * Intermediate * **Hope for the Trees** * Graham PTA * DuPage West Region

Uma Kumar * Intermediate * **Growing With Hopefulness** * Campanelli PTA * Northwest Cook Region

Abigail Olson * Intermediate * **Hope Offshore** * Lincoln PTA * DuPage West Region

Isabella Spencer * Intermediate * **Hope** * Coolidge Elementary PTA * South Suburban Cook Region

Maggie Wilkins * Intermediate * **The Desert Tree** * Lincoln PTA * DuPage West Region

William Feinsot * Middle School * **Flower on Rock** * Edison Middle School PTA * DuPage West Region

Henry Muranaka * Middle School * **Choosing a Great Day** * Dooley PTA * Northwest Cook Region

Aidan Bunce * High School * **The Leaves of Love** * Oak Lawn High School PTSA * South Suburban Cook Region

Lily Hansen * High School * **Petals of Hope** * Oak Lawn High School PTSA * South Suburban Cook Region

Advanced to the National Level – Visual Arts

Lisette Arriaga-Perez * Primary * **Our Home** * Puffer-Hefty PTA * DuPage East Region

Yeonwoo Choi * Intermediate * **When We Are Together** * Spring Brook PTA * DuPage West Region

Sadie Steffes * Middle School * **clear skies** * Herrick Middle School PTA * DuPage East Region

Sara Bansal * High School * **A Touch of Hope** * Waubonsie Valley High School PTA * DuPage West Region

Luca Tucci * Special Artist * **Dukebot** * Ardmore PTA * DuPage East Region

State Award of Artistic Distinction – Visual Arts

Ivy Gibson * Primary * **The Flower** * Maercker District 60 PTA * DuPage East Region

Gianna Guerrero * Intermediate * **Untitled** * Hale PTA * Northwest Cook Region

Emily Swiecki * Middle School * **The Colorful Light That Shines On Me** * Eisenhower PTA * DuPage East Region

State Honorable Mention – Visual Arts

Jesus Aguilera * Primary * **... I have Toys, Food, & a House** * Posen-Gordon PTA * South Suburban Cook Region

Mila Rusin * Primary * **we are all different** * Emerson PTA * DuPage West Region

Heather Campbell * Intermediate * **Colorful Crowd** * Lincoln PTA * DuPage West Region

Vaishnavi Damera * Intermediate * **A compassionate world** * Peterson PTA * DuPage West Region

Mishka Patra * Intermediate * **Garden of Hope** * Campanelli PTA * Northwest Cook Region

Madison Brownlow * Middle School * **Hopeful for Change** * Culver School PTA * West Suburban Cook Region

Ismah Farooqui * Middle School * **Hope is Patience with the lamp lit** * Keller PTA * Northwest Cook Region

Henry Muranaka * Middle School * **Broken is Beautiful** * Dooley PTA * Northwest Cook Region

Kaely Bogart * Special Artist * **hopeful words** * Glenn Westlake PTSA * DuPage East Region

