

POETRY SOCIETY OF TEXAS STUDENT AWARDS WINNERS – 2020

1. MAHAN PRIZE (Grades 8 – 12) Offered and judged by Budd Powell Mahan to honor his family.

First Place – Cainta Rizal/ Plano East Senior High/ Ms. Diane Porter, teacher

Second Place – Polyphony/ Plano East Senior High/ Ms. Diane Porter, teacher

Third Place – My Place (Italian Sonnet)/ Plano East Senior High/ Ms. Diane Porter, teacher

Fourth Place – The Dancers of Red, White, and Blue/ Plano East Senior High/ Ms. Diane Porter, teacher

Fifth Place -- The Last Cookie/ Plano East Senior High/ Ms. Diane Porter, teacher

Honorable Mention – Gravestone/ Plano East Senior High/ Ms. Diane Porter, teacher

2. BEATRICE M. LAND MEMORIAL CONTEST (Grades 6-7) Offered and judged by Catherine L'Herisson.

First Place – Poem/ Leyah Philip/ The Hockaday School/ Mrs. Diedre Thompson, teacher

Second Place – I Didn't Know I Loved/ Emmanuel Argueta/ Meyerland PVA/ Dr. Skrande, teacher

Third Place – Monster/ Megan Li/ The Hockaday School/ Mrs. Diedre Thompson, teacher

Fourth Place – The Edges of the Load/ Betty Wimberly/ The Hockaday School/ Mrs. Diedre Thompson, teacher

Fifth Place – I Need Justice/ Cortney Buford/ The Hockaday School/ Mrs. Deidre Thompson, teacher

3. NAOMI STROUD SIMMONS MEMORIAL AWARD (Grades 6-7) Offered by the family of Naomi Stroud Simmons; judged by Judy Simmons Kirkpatrick

First Place – I Became Happiness/ Mirit Wenderfer/ Meyerland PVA/ Dr. Eva Skrande, teacher

Second Place – The Town/ Marcel Gonzalez/ Meyerland PVA/ Dr. Eva Skrande, teacher

Third Place – Concert in the Sky/ Ivy Newman/ Gorzycki Middle School/ Mrs. Kathleen Dahill, teacher

Place – The Beach/ Savannah Riggins/ Gorzycki Middle School/ Mrs. Laura Embree, teacher

Fifth Place – My Story/ Leyah Philip/ The Hockaday School/ Mrs. Deidre Thompson, teacher

4. PAT AND DON R. STODGHILL AWARD (Grades 6-7) Offered by Pat and Don Stodghill, Poetry Society of Texas's tenth and fourteenth presidents. Judged by Pat Stodghill

First Place – Leopard/ Kaitlyn Chen/ The Hockaday School/ Ms. Diedre Thompson, teacher

Second Place – Father to Son/ Ryan Eakins/ Meyerland PVA/ Dr. Eva Skrande, teacher

Third Place – Mother to Daughter/ Carnella/ Meyerland PVA/ Dr. Eva Skrande, teacher

Fourth Place – Let Me Take You To Class/ Seth Joskowits/ Meyerland PVA/ Dr. Eva Skrande, teacher

Fifth Place – Quiet Girl/ Deniz Gurun/ The Hockaday School/ Mrs. Deidre Thompson, teacher

5. KARLE WILSON BAKER MEMORIAL PRIZE (Grades 6-7) Offered and judged by Patrick Marshall

to honor one of the Society's seven founders.

First Place – Names/ Lola Railsback/ The Hockaday School/ Mrs. Deidre Thompson, teacher

Second Place – Friends/ Lekshmy Anoop/ The Hockaday School/ Mrs. Deidre Thompson, teacher

Third Place – Fire/ Kaitlyn Chen/ The Hockaday School/ Mrs. Deidre Thompson, teacher

Fourth Place – Band/ Nihar Tashi/ Sugarland Middle School/ Mrs. Kristi Person, teacher

Fifth Place – Time/ Ellie Bell/ The Hockaday School/ Mrs. Deidre Thompson, teacher

6. MONTGOMERY AWARD (Grades 4-5) Established in the will of Estelle Stewart to honor Whitney and Valda Montgomery, Thelma Evelyn Boyd, and Genevieve Boyd Stewart.
Judged by Ann Howells.

First Place – Evergreen Tree/ Lauren Haas/ The Hockaday School/ Mrs. Lisa Waugh, teacher

Second Place – The Dusk Wolf/ Eloise Newman/ The Hockaday School/ Mrs. Lisa Waugh, teacher

Third Place – The Wind Told the Tortoise/ Lily Navitskas/ The Hockaday School/ Mrs. Lisa Waugh, teacher

Fourth Place – Candle/ Mary Elise Estess/ The Hockaday School/ Mrs. Lisa Waugh, teacher

Fifth Place – Blue/ Sara Aguilar/ The Hockaday School/ Mrs. Lisa Waugh, teacher

7. MILDRED VORPAHL BASS MEMORIAL AWARD (Grades 4-5) Offered and judged by Nancy Baass to honor her mother, two-term Poet Laureate of Texas.

First Place – Stormy Beach/ Lauren Haas/ The Hockaday School/ Mrs. Lisa Waugh, teacher

Second Place – Sleepy Bunny/ Lauren Schwartz/ The Hockaday School/ Mrs. Lisa Waugh, teacher

Third Place – Pencil/ Lou Lou McCrea/ The Hockaday School/ Mrs. Lisa Waugh, teacher

Fourth Place – Beach Adventures/ Wendy Chen/ The Hockaday School/ Mrs. Lisa Waugh, teacher

Fifth Place – Mother's Day Breakfast in Bed/ Eres Stone/ The Hockaday School/ Mrs. Lisa Waugh, teacher

8. JOHN D. VAUGHN MEMORIAL AWARD (Grades 4-5) Offered and judged by Aman Kahn to honor Poetry Society of Texas's eleventh president.

First Place – Reminder #5/ Willa Ann Lance/ University Park Elementary/ Madeline Wilkins, sponsor

Second Place – The Sink/ Lily Fishkin/ The Hockaday School/ Mrs. Lisa Waugh, teacher

Third Place – The Great Barrier Reef/ Eres Stone/ The Hockaday School/ Mrs. Lisa Waugh, teacher

Fourth Place – The Song of the Night/ Katie Lovein/ The Hockaday School/ Mrs. Lisa Waugh, teacher

Fifth Place – My Song/ Christina Zhu/ The Hockaday School/ Mrs. Lisa Waugh, teacher

9. VIOLETTE NEWTON MEMORIAL AWARD (Grades 4-5) Offered by Poets Northwest.
Judged by Daniel Hunter.

First Place – Ocean's Child/ Julianne Myhre/ The Hockaday School/ Mrs. Lisa Waugh, teacher

Second Place – The Hollywood Sign/ Emily Meyer/ The Hockaday School/ Mrs. Lisa Waugh,

teacher

Third Place – Fireflies/ Lily Navitskas/ The Hockaday School/ Mrs. Lisa Waugh, teacher

Fourth Place – Shade/ Eloise Newman/ The Hockaday School/ Mrs. Lisa Waugh, teacher

Fifth Place – The Flowers/ Sudha Kodem/ The Hockaday School/ Mrs. Lisa Waugh, teacher

10. MARCELLA SIEGEL CONTEST (Grades 1-3) Offered by Ann Howells to honor Poetry Society of Texas's fifteenth president. Judged by Barbara Blanks.

First Place – Summer/ Alexander Scott/ Clayton Elementary School/ Ms. Jacqueline Joisten, teacher

No other citation awarded.