

Students Achievements

Please congratulate all of these amazing students!

- **2016 National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)**

Junior Jennifer Xiao is a winner of the 2016 National Council of Teachers of English(NCTE) Achievement Award in Writing . National judges evaluated the submissions on content, purpose, audience, tone, diction, organization, development, and style.It is the most prestigious national writers' recognition for high school juniors. This contest was established in 1957 to encourage high school students in their writing and to publicly recognize some of the best student writers in the nation.

- **2nd Math Invitation For Girls(6th-8th Graders):**

Sara Ding: Individual 1st place, oral prove 1st place

Diran Tan: Individual 2nd place

This contest lead by Jennifer Xiao, Elaine Fu, Lilac Ding, Xingtong Wang, Kevin Luo, helped by Angus McKee, Anming Gu, Stephine Wang, Kevin Ou.

- Margaux Wood's artwork, Amaryllis. (art 3) Her oil pastel drawing was accepted in CelebratingArt, a national student art competition. Only 25% of the entries are accepted into this exhibition. Margaux's artwork will published in a book of artwork from students in the Southeastern United States!

- **Mathleague Contest 2016:**

Top 5 winners (5th grade contest):

Marissa Liu, Lilly Xu, Hongming Chen, Jeffrey Liu, Henry Yu

Top 5 winners (4th grade contest):

Bryan Ding, Dannie Dong, Jerry Xiao, Evan Wu, Alan Zhou, Alan Cheng

- **2016 Memphis in May International festival (Canada) Valero International Children's Poster Competition:**

3th-4th grade:

Meg He, 1st and Grand prize winner

Lauren Yang, 2nd place

Jerry Xiao, 3rd place

5th-6th grade:

Andrew Xu, 2nd place

Sophia Cheng, 3rd place

- **Research Science Institute(RSI 2016)**

The Center for Excellence in Education named Junior Jennifer Xiao among the 51 top-achieving U.S. and 30 international scholars selected to attend the 33rd annual Research Science Institute this summer. Jointly sponsored with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the six-week intensive program at MIT provided students with the opportunity to conduct original, cutting-edge, college-level research in state-of-the-art university laboratories, hospitals, and corporate research facilities. Under the mentorship of leading scientists, engineers, and researchers, many of whom are Nobel Prize winners, RSI scholars participated in one week of theoretical classroom work, followed by five weeks of research with a professor or research scientist in each student's area of interest. In the final week students demonstrated their work through written academic papers and presented oral findings to their peers and a panel of judges.

- **2016 Mathcounts State Round(March 19)**

Kevin Luo: Individual, 2nd place , team 1st place

Allen Wu: Individual, 8th place , team 1st place

Anming Gu: Individual , 9th place, team 1st place

Kevin Luo will travel to Washington DC in May on an all-expense-paid trip for the Mathcounts National Competition.

- **2016 Scholastic Art and Writing National Award**

Kimberly Kerr, Gold Medal, Tear Box, Ceramics & Glass, 8

Sara Ding, Silver Medal, Bridge to the Past, Drawing and Illustration, 8

- **2016 AIME (American Invitational Mathematic Examination) Qualifiers:**

Six students who studied in our Chinese School qualified for AIME via AMC10 and AMC12:

8th grade: Anming Gu, Kevin Luo

9th grade: Angus McKee

10th grade: Chang Yu, Andrew Wu

11th grade: Jennifer Xiao

- **WORDSMITH Writing Olympics (February 28,2016):**

WORDSMITH is an annual writing contest for 7th-12th grader students in 27 public and private schools of the MidSouth. During the WordSmith Tournament students participated in events that tested their skills in four modes of nonfiction: description, narration, persuasion, and exposition with 40-word dash, 80-word dash, 120-word dash and 400-word dash. All students received the same writing assignment in each category and were judged within their grade level.

There were two students selected by each grade to represent school to compete.

Congratulations to the winners:

9th grade: Elaine Fu, 40-word dash, honorable mention; 80- word dash, honorable mention; 400-word dash main event, 1st place, Gold Medalist.

10th grade: Lilly He, 80-word dash, 2nd place; 400-word dash main event, 3rd place, Bronze Medalist.

10th grade: Lilac Ding, 120-word dash, Honorable Mention

11th grade: Jennifer Xiao, 120-word dash, 1st place, 400-word dash main event, 3rd place, Bronze Medalist

- **2016 The Poetry Society of Tennessee Contest:**

Lilly Xu: 1st place in Elementary School Division

Jennifer Xiao: 1st place in High School Division

Kevin Luo: Honorable Mention in Middle School Division

They all Advanced to The National Manningham Poetry Trust Contest.

- **2016 Mathcounts Chapter Round (February 6, 2016)**

Kevin Luo: Individual, 1st place; Countdown, 2nd place; Team, 1st Place.

Anming Gu: : Individual, 2nd place; Countdown, 1st place; Team, 1st Place.

Vilanna Wang: : Individual, 3rd place; Team, 2nd Place.

Sara Ding: Countown, 3rd place; Team, 1st Place.

Top eight students will advance to State Round, 6 of them are studying in our Chinese School, congratulations to Kevin Luo, Anming Gu, Sara Ding, Vilanna Wang, Alex Zhang and Allen Wu

Three of our previous Mathcounts winners are assistant coaches , Great job to Jennifer Xiao, Andrew Wu and Augus Mckee!

- **2015-2016 National Creative Award Ringling College of Art and Design**

This contest opens to High School Students grade 9-12 in the Nation, This Year's Contest Theme: Create your own theme park attraction or museum exhibit! You can tell your story in one of two ways:

- Creative Entry: an illustration or digital media entry (photo, video, digital drawing, etc.) supported by a 50-100 word written description
- Written Entry: a 500 word (or less) essay, poem, haiku, song lyrics, or other written form
- **Runner-up Prize winner: Elaine Fu**

- **2016 Southeast Regional Scholastic Writing Awards Competition:**

The Scholastic Writing Awards is run by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, Inc. a not-for-profit organization that supports young artists and writers. Each year, the Awards provide the opportunity for more than 250,000

teenagers in grades 7-12 to earn regional and national honors. Graduating high school seniors who submit portfolios of their work have the opportunity to compete for more than \$1.5 million in scholarships from colleges and universities across the country.

The Writing Categories are: Dramatic Script, Flash Fiction, Humor, Journalism, Novel

Writing, Personal Essay/Memoir, Persuasive Writing, Poetry, Science Fiction & Fantasy, Short Story, Writing Portfolio(for Graduating Seniors Only) Southeast Region(AL,AR,FL,GA,KY,MS,NC,SC,TN,VA and WV) Writing Region-

Jennifer Xiao:

- o 1 Gold Key
- o 2 Silver Key
- o 3 Honorable Mentions

Elaine Fu:

- 2 Silver Key
- 2 Honorable Memtions

Kevin Luo:

- 1 Gold Key

Jessica Lam:

- 1 Silver Key

- **Marissa Liu** won J. D. Kelly Piano Competition.
- **United States Presidential Scholar candidates**

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, by executive order of the President, to recognize and honor some of our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. In 1979, the program was extended to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, creative and performing arts. In 2015, the program was again extended to recognize students who demonstrate ability and accomplishment in career and technical education fields. Each year, up to 161 students are named as Presidential Scholars, one of the nation's highest honors for high school

students.

Three students from our Chinese school are nominated as 2016 Presidential Scholar Candidates. **Jennifer Xiao, Yue He, and Tony Chen** were selected from 3.3 million students from across the country. Congratulations!

- **ALLWEST Junior Band: 1/17/2016**

Junior Blue Band - Flute

1. Sarah Ding White Station Middle School-08
2. Sophia Cheng Houston Middle -06
3. Amy Li Houston Middle -07
6. Kimberly Kerr Lausanne Collegiate School-08

Junior Blue Band - Bb Sop Clarinet

1. Vilanna Wang Lausanne Collegiate School-08
8. Allen Wu White Station Middle School-08

Junior Red Band - Bb Sop Clarinet

4. Lilly Xu Crosswind Elementary School-05

Junior Blue Band - Alto Saxophone

2. Alan Zheng Houston Middle -08

- **2016 Mid-South Scholastic Art Awards :**

The Mid-South Scholastic Art Awards is an annual juried student art exhibition presented by the Brooks Museum League and Memphis Brooks Museum of Art. These awards are an affiliate of the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers

and honors exemplary art by students in 7th through 12th grades. All Gold Key winners will be displayed at the Brooks Museum's Mid-South Scholastic Art Awards exhibition and advanced to the national level.

Junior Division(7th-8th grader):

Sara Ding, 1 gold Key, Drawing and Illustration, Junior Best-In-Show

Kimberly Kerr, 1 gold key, Ceramics & Glass, Junior First Place

Middle Division(9th-10th grader):

Lilly He, 1 gold key, Jewelry; 1 Honorable Mention, Mixed Media

Nicole Li, 1 silver key, Drawing and Illustration

Allison Kerr, 1 silver key, Drawing and Illustration

Amy Zhou, 1 silver key, Mixed Media

Elaine Fu, 1 Honorable Mention, Drawing and Illustration

Amy Xue, 1 Honorable Mention, Sculpture

Senior Division(11th-12th grader):

Hanchen Wang, 1 gold key, Painting

Jennifer Xiao, 3 gold keys, 3 silver keys, 1 Honorable Mention, Senior Drawing Award

Jasmine Huang, 1 Honorable Mention, Printmaking

• **Congratulations to Award Winners and Acceptees in the West TN Regional Art Competition:**

- Sara Ding (6th Grade):
Drawing - "Portrait of Sarah", **1st place**

- Amy Zhou (9th Grade):
Pottery - "Rock On Ceramics", **Best Of Ceramics**
Drawing - "Discarded Bones", **3rd place**
- Stephanie Wang (9th Grade):
Drawing - "Caught In a Mask (Self Portrait)", **4th place**
- Amy Xue (9th Grade):
Mix Media - "History's Moon"
- Lilly He (10th Grade):
Drawing - "Thoughts in the Moonlight"
- Jennifer Xiao (11th Grade):
Drawing - "Eat As a Lady", **4th Place**
- Jasmine Huang (11th Grade):
Pottery - "Golden Rain"

- **2015 TMTA Math Competition State Winner:**

Algebra I:

Kevin Luo : 4th Place

Sara Ding: 10th place

Geometry:

Lilly He : 3rd Place

Richard Li: 3rd Place

Pre-Calculus:

Andrew Wu: 2nd place

Chang Yu: 3rd place

- **2015 MIT Math Prize For Girls**

There are 271 girls selected from USA and Canada to compete in MIT in September based on the 2015 AMC10 score, Jennifer Xiao is the only girl selected from TN.

- **2015 UT Pro2Serve TN Math Contest**

Chang Yu, Andrew Wu, Angus Mckee, Jennifer Xiao, Joey He, Richard Li scoring in top 50 for FERMAT I Test

- **2015 Cooper Young Art Contest**

k-4th grade category: 1st Place: Emelia Wee

2nd Place: Ella Liu

- **2015 BRACE Regional Art Contest**

2nd Grade Division: Best of the Show: Florence Yu

4th Grade Division: 1st place: Jerry Xiao

5th Grade Division: 1st place: Marissa Liu

9th Grade Division: 3rd place: Amy Xue

10th Grade Division: 1st place: Lilly He