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ELIZA BROWNING

Eliza Browning studies English and art history at Wheaton College in Massachusetts. Her work has been recognized by the YoungArts Foundation, the Fitzgerald Museum and the Poetry Society of Virginia, among others. She currently co-edits *Rushlight*, the oldest campus literary magazine in the United States, and reads poetry for the *COUNTERCLOCK* Journal.

CHRISTIAN BUTTERFIELD

Christian Butterfield is a high school senior at Bowling Green High School, KY. In 2019, he was named the National Student Poet of the Southeast and has since been the recipient of multiple Scholastic Writing Gold Medals as well as publication in Scholastic's Best Teen Writing of 2019. He can be reached solely by messenger pigeon (Ok, that isn't true, but wouldn't it be so cool if it was?)



STEPHANIE CHANG

Stephanie Chang is a high school senior from Vancouver, BC. Her work appears or is forthcoming in *The Adroit Journal*, *Kenyon Review*, *Asian American Writers Workshop*, *Berkeley Poetry Review*, *Penn Review*, *Diode Poetry Journal*, and *Shallow Ends*, among others. She has been recognized by the National Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, Poetry Society of the UK, Anthony Quinn Foundation, and Hollins University. Additionally, she is a Kenyon Young Writers' Workshop, Adroit Mentorship Program, and Speakeasy Project alum. A rising freshman at University College London, she intends to study English Literature. Currently, she interns for *sinθ*, an international literary arts magazine for the Sino community.

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CELINE CHOI

Celine Choi is a high school junior attending A&M Consolidated High School. She often contemplates feminist issues, the fictional characters in the latest book she is reading, or the Purpose of Life™. Occasionally, her daydreaming becomes a poem, and some of these poems can be found in Crashtest Literary Magazine, Eunoia Review, and the Live Poets' Society amongst others. In addition, she is a 2019 alumni of the Kenyon Young Writers Workshop. When not daydreaming or writing poetry, she spends her time fueling her dependence on energy drinks and playing the viola.

JULIE DAWKINS

Julie Dawkins is a freshman at the University of Oklahoma and the 2019 National Student Poet for the Southwest Region of the United States. Her poetry has been awarded nationally in the Scholastic Art and Writing Competition, and she is an alum of the Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute for creative writing. Julie believes that writing can change the world for the better, and she wants to be a part of that change however she can.



JULIA DO

Julia Do is also an alum of the Kenyon Review Young Writers Workshop and a high school junior from Little Saigon in Orange County, California. The child of journalists, she serves as copy editor of her school's yearbook, Del Sol, and has a passion for Sunday crosswords. Her oil paintings and poetry have been recognized by the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards and featured in Canvas Literary Journal and Blue Marble Review.



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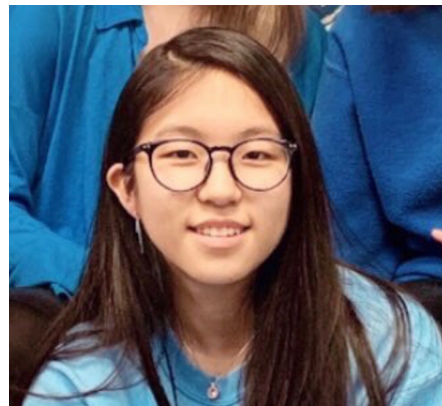


ESTI GOLDSTEIN

Esti Goldstein is seventeen years old and lives in Shaker Heights, Ohio where she has long been inspired by the beauty of the suburbs and is especially grateful for autumn. Much of her inspiration comes from her own life, the current culture (no, Snapchat is not included), and the stories that she has been told. You can often find her running, laughing with friends, writing (of course), and her mother's favorite: doing nothing, which she would rather call daydreaming.

EMILY HUANG

Emily is a northeastern Massachusetts resident currently in her junior year of high school. She enjoys creating all forms of art, and her art and writing have been recognized by Scholastic Arts & Writing and Celebrating Arts. Her strongest form of inspiration is to reflect issues she observes in society in an abstract way through any and all of the art forms. In her spare time, Emily takes on the roles of book addict, poi dancer, and tiramisu enthusiast.



HEATHER L. JENSEN

Heather Laurel Jensen is a Flinn Scholar at the University of Arizona Honors College. She served as National Student Poet of the Southwest 2018 and is co-president of Creative Youth of Arizona, an organization that administers the Phoenix Youth Poet Laureate program and develops creative opportunities for young Arizonans. Her poetry, short stories, and photography have been published by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers, Best Teen Writing of Arizona, diode poetry journal, Polyphony HS, and the Live Poets Society of New Jersey, among others. She is eighteen years old.

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YASMEEN KHAN

Yasmeen Khan lives and writes in Spring, Texas. Her work has been recognized by the National YoungArts Foundation, the Adroit Prizes, Best of the Net, the National Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, and more. She has work published or forthcoming in The Adroit Journal, The Rumpus, Peach Magazine, and Sooth Swarm Journal, among others. She was born in 2004.

ESTHER KIM

Esther Kim is a Korean-American writer from Potomac, Maryland. Her writing has been recognized by the Library of Congress, the National Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, the New York Times, the Poetry Society of the UK, and more. Her poetry also appears or is forthcoming in Lunch Ticket, Polyphony Lit, and SOFTBLOW. Interested in introducing learning opportunities for students, she leads one of the only Duke of Edinburgh International Awards Programs on the East Coast. A high school junior, she dabbles in songwriting and can often be found in coffeeshops or on long walks.



JULIE LARICK

Julie Larick is a rising freshman at the College of Wooster and plans to major in English and Spanish! She enjoys a solid poem, an afternoon of sewing or altering, spending money on thrifted clothing, and petting her raccoon-like orange tabby cat.



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MEGAN LUNNY

Megan Lunny is a 2019 National YoungArts Finalist in Writing, a 2019 United States Presidential Scholar in the Arts Semifinalist, a 2018 Foyle Commended Poet, the former Bucks County Youth Poet Laureate, and the recipient of the American Voices Medal and National Scholastic Gold Medals in Short Story and in Flash Fiction. Her prose and poetry have appeared in Alexandria Quarterly, The Best Teen Writing of 2018, Cleaver Magazine, River Heron Review, and Acumen Young Poets. She is a prose reader at The Adroit Journal. Megan will study English at Columbia University in fall 2020.

SOFIA MILLER

Sofia is a high school junior from San Diego, California. Her poetry appears in *Élan*, and her plays have won and placed her as a semifinalist in the California Young Playwrights Contest. Sofia is an alum of Kenyon Review Young Writers '19, where she saw fireflies for the first time. She is a 2020 Adroit Journal Summer Mentorship mentee for fiction, a first place winner in the Bennington Young Writers Awards for fiction, and an SAS scholarship recipient for the 2020 Denison Reynolds Young Writers Workshop. She hopes The Incandescent Studio is to her students what her younger self wished she had.



ETHAN PHAN

Ethan Phan is from Boston, Massachusetts and is 17 years old. He has attended the Kenyon Young Writers Workshop and workshops at GrubStreet, and his writing has been recognized by the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. This summer, Ethan is attending the Iowa Young Writers' Studio. Ethan currently studies at The Roxbury Latin School and regularly writes for both the school newspaper and the school's literary arts magazine. He also is in the school's choir and acapella group, and he is the Community Service Representative for his grade.



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ANDREA SALVADOR

Andrea Salvador lives somewhere in Asia, specifically a country with thousands of islands and constantly humid weather. She is an alumna of the Adroit Journal Summer Mentorship Program and the Sonorous Writing Workshop, while her work has been recognized by the Philippine Daily Inquirer, Columbia College Chicago, Trinity College - University of Melbourne, and Interlochen Arts Academy. In her spare time, she creates lists, watches sci-fi and horror movies, and rearranges her bookshelf. Find her on Twitter at @andreahowrites.

VIVIEN SONG

Vivien Song is a junior at Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton, California. She has been recognized by the National YoungArts Foundation, National Poetry Quarterly, and Hollins University. Her work is published or forthcoming in The Margins, L'Éphémère Review, and mineral lit, among others. Vivien likes long, aimless walks and overnight oats with strawberries.



GRACE SONG QI



Grace Q. Song is a Chinese-American writer from New York. Her poetry and fiction have been published in Glass: A Journal of Poetry, DIALOGIST, The Margins, Into the Void, Up the Staircase Quarterly, Passages North, [PANK], and elsewhere. A high school junior, she has been recognized by Interlochen Arts Academy, Hollins University, Pennsylvania State University, and Scholastic Arts & Writing Awards. A 2019 Best of Net nominee, she enjoys listening to ABBA and Yoke Lore.

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OCEAN WEI

Ocean Wei is a 18-year-old poet and writer. He was born in Beijing, China, and spent his high school years in rural Missouri. He is a bird lover and is often inspired by nature. Strangely, he is also a cat enthusiast. When not writing, he can be found discussing philosophy with friends and taking socially-distanced walks in the woods.

LYDIA WEI

Lydia Wei is a 17-year-old writer from Gaithersburg, MD. Her work has been recognized by the Foyle Young Poets of the Year Award, the National Young Arts Foundation, the U.S. Presidential Scholars in the Arts Program, and the National Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, and is published in or forthcoming from *harana* poetry, *Sine Theta*, and *The Margins*. During her free time, she enjoys listening to SALES, making blueberry biscuits, and going for very long walks.



JANE WEN

Jane Wen is a high school junior born in Guangzhou and living in Ontario. Her writing has been recognized by the Poetry Institute of Canada & Young Writers, the National Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, and Poetry In Voice. This summer, she will be participating in the Juniper Institute for Young Writers program. When she's not writing or editing for lit mags, she likes art, urban dance, and playing songs on her guitar.



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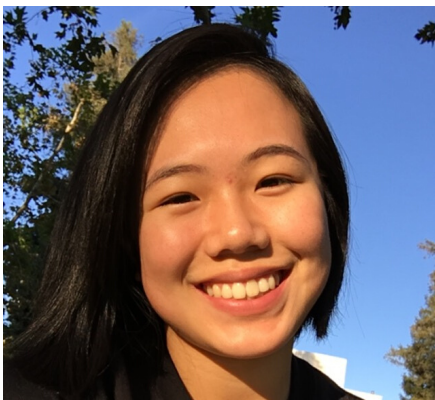


VICTOR XIA

Victor Xia is a Chinese-American writer, poet, and award-winning filmmaker from Seattle, Washington. His writing has appeared in Sine-Theta Quarterly, Crashtest Mag, and others. As a 2020 Seattle Youth Poet Ambassador, he also runs the Emerald Youth Review, a space dedicated to inspiring artistic work from a young age in Asian-American communities. A high school junior, he looks to blend traditional genres of storytelling; and delicious protein shakes.

JESSICA XU

Jessica Xu is a high school senior living in New Orleans, Louisiana. She is a National Student Poet Semifinalist and a Foyle Young Poet of the Year, and she has been honored by the National Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, Hollins University, the National Poetry Quarterly, among others. Her work has been published in The Ellis Review, The Interlochen Review, The Hunger Journal, and elsewhere. She is the Editor-in-Chief of Bitter Melon Magazine. She will be attending the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.



KRYSTAL YANG

Krystal Yang is currently an undergraduate student at Pomona College, pursuing an English major with a creative writing emphasis. She is originally from San Jose, California. Her work is featured or forthcoming in Careless Magazine, Scripps College Journal, Kelp Journal, Crashtest Magazine, Parallax Literary Journal, the New York Times, and Polyphony Lit.

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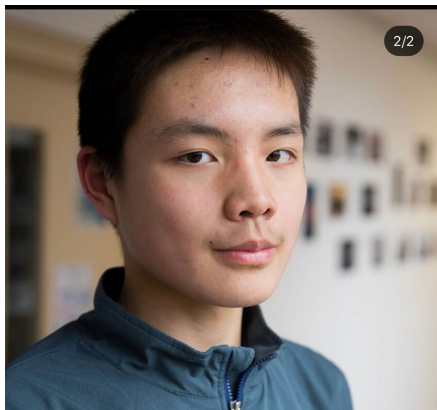


ALFRED YU

Alfred Yu is a current Junior in High School. He is the president of his school's Writing Club, and the designer for his school's literary magazine. He is a graduate of the 2019 Kenyon Review Young Writers Program, has been published or will be published in Poetry Juicebox and Rare Byrd Review, and has won a National Gold Medal in Poetry in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. In his free time, he likes playing the piano. He wrote this biography past his typical bedtime and hopes you have a great day ahead. If you like anime he's sure that you'd get along with him just fine.

ALENA ZHENG

Alena Zeng is a junior from San Jose, California. Her work has been recognized by the National Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. When she's not reading or writing, Alena can be found playing the piano or trying (for the third time!) to start a bullet journal.



RICHARD ZHU

Richard is a 10th grader who attends the Peddie School in Hightstown, New Jersey. He loves to write poetry on a plethora of topics, ranging from mental illness to xenophobia. His work has won National Gold and Silver Medals in the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, been published in the literary magazine Polyphony Lit, and recognized in his school's art and literary journal Amphion. He also serves as Literary Editor for Amphion. In his free time, Richard enjoys swimming, learning neuroscience, and folding origami.



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