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Twenty-two Birchwood Students Win Regional Scholastic Writing Awards

Cleveland- **Seventh and eighth grade Birchwood students** received a host of awards from the 2012 Scholastic Writing Awards in the new regional affiliate at the Cleveland Institute of Art. The students submitted 55 pieces in all different genres and received 32 awards ranging from honorable mention to silver and gold keys. **Katelyn V** received three gold keys and her science fiction piece entitled "Pandemic" was nominated for the American Voices Award. Her pieces will advance to the national level of competition.

Each year, more than 77,000 students in grades 7-11 participate in the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. The process begins in the fall as artists and writers across the country submit more than 100,000 creative works of art and writing to a network of regional affiliates where they are evaluated. The most outstanding works from each region are forwarded to New York City to be assessed on a national level.

Birchwood students who received the silver key award were **John H, Ammar L, Kavya R, and Naomi W**. Both **Prathna K and Clive C** received two silver key awards for two of their entries.

Maya F, Anna H, Adam I, Vinayak K (2 pieces), Pheby L (2 pieces), Hana L, Ammar L, Megan P (2 pieces), Michael T, Michael W, Christine B, Joan C, Dhweeja D (2 pieces), Jorgen K, Kavya R, Katelyn V, and Naomi W all received honorable mention recognition for the pieces they submitted.

Including the high school writing awards for this region, out of the 17 gold keys that students won, Birchwood middle schoolers earned 3. They also won 8 of the 33 silver keys and 23 of the 78 honorable mentions. Language Arts teacher **Lorraine Tzeng** concurred with the juror who stated in the Scholastic program that the "... chosen works were original, expressed technical skill, and showed imagination." All of the winners were recognized at an award ceremony on January 7 at the Cleveland Institute of Art.



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The Birchwood School is a private, coeducational school in Cleveland, Ohio. Founded in 1984, Birchwood serves students in kindergarten through grade 8. Birchwood's mission is to provide an educational setting where challenging academics build solid work habits, an achievement culture nurtures healthy attitudes, and a caring environment forges social responsibility.

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