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Eight Birchwood Students Receive Gold Key Awards

Students from this 25-State region submitted a record-breaking 12,000 works of art and writing to the 2011 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards competition. A national writing competition that started in 1923, the program purported to identify writing “that best exemplify originality, technical skill and the emergence of a personal voice or vision.” Twenty four percent of the seventh and eighth graders at Birchwood received this prestigious award.

Charles B received a gold key award and The Cleveland Institute of Art Recognition Award with his sculpture *I spy...!* As a recipient of this award he will receive a scholarship ranging from \$10,000-\$16,000 upon acceptance and enrollment in The Cleveland Institute of Art.

Clive C “The Golden Cow” involved the story of a long time janitor who escaped his menial job by passing the test of a magical bovine.

Alex H in the fantasy story “Paul and Pat: Against the Rise of Cold Shoulder” had regular Arctic dwellers battle the evil antagonist Cold Shoulder to rescue Santa and the residents of the North Pole.

Trevor L wrote “The Andersons,” a personal essay about the intricacies and conundrum of friendships during a summer vacation.

Kavya R in her science fiction piece entitled “The End” has the heroine attempting to save Earth from an asteroid collision.

Hassan S pitted a war hero against his own demons in his fantasy story “Aulus”.

Katelyn V wrote three pieces that won honors in the personal memoir category. “Wonderful Hours of Darkness” delved into her exploits in the night hours, while “The Dock” told of her struggle to dive into the murky waters at Lakeside. Based partly on her experience in Florida, the fictionalized “Ocean Eyes” revealed the lessons learned from a dying cancer patient whom the protagonist never met.

Hannah Y in “Splatch” wrote about a boy who was waylaid by bullies as he attempted to deliver a special package to his grandmother.

In these pieces, students had the option to write in various genres including humor, journalism, personal essay, and short story. Their entries now proceed to the national level of judging.

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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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