

**RESOLUTION RE: WINNERS OF THE ILLINOIS YOUNG
AUTHORS COMPETITION**

WHEREAS, the Illinois State Board of Education and the Chicago Public Schools promote excellence in education through their support of the classroom teachers in their efforts to improve students' reading and writing abilities; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development is committed to the process of making creative writing a part of the total school writing curriculum and assisting classroom teachers in guiding students to reach their maximum potential;

WHEREAS, the Illinois State Board of Education and Chicago Public Schools has sponsored a Young Authors competition for students in grades kindergarten through grade twelve in competition with thousands of students across the state of Illinois to use critical thinking skills and creative expressions in the writing of the manuscripts; and

WHEREAS, fifty students, representing thirty-seven elementary schools and six high schools were honored by the Chicago Public Schools at the Student Awards Ceremony on June 8, 2002 at the United Center and by the Illinois State Board of Education at Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois on May 18, 2002; and received a plaque and a certificate for "Outstanding Accomplishments" for their manuscripts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 25th day of September, 2002, commend all of the winners for their accomplishments, thank the Region Education Officers and local school staff members for their dedication to providing students with a quality education, and recognize the Office of Curriculum, Instruction and, Professional Development's continued commitment to excellence in education for all Chicago Public School students.

YOUNG AUTHORS WINNERS 2002

REGION 1

| Grade | Name | Title | School |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|---|--------------|
| K - 2 | Lilian Castillo | Did Lilian Unravel the Secret Messages? | Disney |
| | Christopher Blackwell | The Crazy Cousins | Hawthorne |
| 3 - 5 | Simon Vecchione | Life Without Father | Bell |
| | Dominique Hopkins | You Have to Believe | Disney |
| Informational | Sade LeFlore | Scoliosis | OA Thorpe |
| | Alexia Willis | Crying Softly | Albany Park |
| 6 - 8 (Poetry) | Amanda Thomas | Nature | Courtney |
| | Antonio Hernandez | Dongy's Fat Propley | Gray |
| Fiction | Bridgett McDermott | This Mobile Web Stuff | Norwood Park |
| | Yunuen Perez | Look at Me | Schurz HS |
| 9 - 12 (Poetry) (Fiction) | Anna Welch | The Journey | Sullivan HS |

REGION 2

| Grade | Name | Title | School |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| K - 2 | Fei Lee | The Mirror Friend | LaSalle |
| | Kelvin Stonewall, Jr. | The Boy Who Wanted Muscles | Hay |
| 3 - 5 (fiction) | Laura Muelter-Soppart | The Promise | Lincoln |
| | Tara Ashley Snyder | She Li | Newberry |
| 6 - 8 (Informational) | Wesley Hau | Akunin | LaSalle |
| | Ilisa McIntyre | The Arcane Life of Belle Sansom | Lincoln |
| 9 - 12 | Reuel Abraham | The Shining Light | Lincoln Park HS |
| | Ashley Lacey | Passions of the Mind | Payton College Prep |

REGION 3

| Grade | Name | Title | School |
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| K - 2 | Cordero Little | My Best Friend is Amazing | Dvorak |
| | Bria Williams & Jasmine Logan | Maria's Big Birthday Surprise | Goldblatt |

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| 3 - 5 (Informational) | Izama Rodriguez Ola McLees | When the Truth Comes Out The Queen of Poland: Hungary-Poland 1373 - 1399 | Cooper Skinner |
| 6 - 8 | Angelica Cruz Michael D. Dodson | The Seven Doors Let's Eat Around the World | Orozco Skinner |

REGION 4

| Grade | Name | Title | School |
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| K - 2 | Kristin Joyce Charles Lyang | I Want to be an Artist The Priceless Gift | Twain Mark Sheridan |
| 3 - 5 | Hannah Kucharzak Gina LaGiglio | Inside Hannah's House Catching the Big One | Gunsaulus Mark Sheridan |
| 6 - 8 | Grace Coronado Benjamin Glenn | Free Verse and Rhyme A Mind Over Matter - A Story of Challenge | Gunsaulus Beasley |
| 9 - 12 (Poetry) | James J. Jackson Isaura Rodriguez | Exhaling Poetry Friends Forever | Farragut HS Farragut HS |

REGION 5

| Grade | Name | Title | School |
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| K - 2 | Alisha Koewers Kathryn Shroth | The Little Dog Who Couldn't Bark The Best Snuggles Ever | Peck Hurley |
| 3 - 5 | Jazmin Sanchez Anthony Bunetta | Far From Home My Fishing Trip | Ross Dore |
| 6 - 8 | Agnes Klimek Christina Barnett | Guilty Conscience From Your Sun | Pasteur Ray |
| 9 - 12 (Poetry) | Tesheena Russell Vanessa Cornejo | Reflections of Life Ballards and Poems | Gage Park HS Gage Park HS |

REGION 6

| Grade | Name | Title | School |
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| K - 2 (Informational) | Jessica Esquivel | Puerto Rico | G Washington |

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| | Corina Medrano | The Unique Pony | Carroll |
| 3 - 5 | Adela Arceo Luc McAlpin Steven Scott Andrew Nichoff | My Teacher's A Witch My Satellite Pal and Me OoLoop the Eskimo Family Pet | Addams Hoyne Earnhart Clissold |
| 6 - 8 | Earle H. Lawrence | The Official Manual of Homework Excuses for Elementary School Students | McDade |
| Informational | Caitlin Halsted | 911 | Clissold |