

# Oyster River Middle School student received national recognition



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**DURHAM** — Scholastic Publishing is pleased to announce that the following student has earned national recognition in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards of 2017. Megan Deane, an 8th grader on the Odyssey team at Oyster River Middle School in Durham, has been identified by panels of creative professionals as one of the most talented young writers in the nation by being awarded a Gold Medal for her personal essay "Mirror Meaning." This year, more than 330,000 works of art and writing were submitted. Fewer than 1 percent were recognized at the national level.

Megan received a Gold Key and an American Voices Nominee at the state level. Gold Key work was then forwarded to the national level for further judging. As the recipient of a Gold Medal, Megan has been invited to attend a ceremony at the world-famous Carnegie Hall in NYC on June 8th.

In addition to Megan's state and national awards, numerous other 8th graders at Oyster River Middle School received Silver Keys and Honorable Mentions. They are:

Silver Keys: Ella Gianino, Eva Guerrette, John Kell, Jacob Nelan, and Abby Tran (2).

Honorable Mentions: Rowan Brown, Ailla Crossman, Aliyah Dodier, Owen Fleischer, Ella Gianino, Emma Hall, Aaron Hoag, Charlotte Imperio, Jack Lilly, Tessa Lippmann (2), Kaya Lockwood, Sylvana Northrop, Nathalie Pare, Lauren Pratt, Roshnni Rajkumar, Megan Schmidt, and Mica Wishengrad.

All of these students will be honored at Plymouth State University in May for their writing achievement with certificates and a copy of the book that contains their award-winning writing. This awards ceremony is sponsored by the National Writing Project, Plymouth State University, and Scholastic.

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