



Allied Arts Foundation 2019 Block Award Winners

BALLARD HIGH SCHOOL

Comments by Helen Maynard, College & Career Specialist

Parker Crotty — *Music*

“Parker is senior female trombone player. She has been in the band program all four years. She is currently a marching band section leader and has played with the Wind Ensemble at Carnegie Hall. She has also performed with the Jazz Band at the Essentially Ellington festival in New York. It is my pleasure to nominate her for the Block Award.”

Madison Daniel-Smith — *Visual Arts*

“I have known Madison for several years and watched her develop into an excellent visual artist. She has decided to take her talents and apply them to digital animation. During the summer, she enrolled in the Academy of Interactive Arts (summer program) to learn the basic techniques and software for animation and video games. Presently, she is in the process of applying to the AIA program (Seattle campus) to obtain an Associate degree in 3D Animation.”

Ethan Hawthorne-Dallas — *Visual Arts* — *Video Production*

“Ethan has made major contributions to films that won National Young Arts Awards in 2017 and 2018, and has had work premiere at the All American High School Film Festival in New York City. He had an internship at the National Film Festival for Talented Youth this year, and they were very pleased with him.”

CHIEF SEALTH INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Comments by Carolyn Autenrieth, Arts Instructor

Zehao Huang — *Music*

“Zehao, or Ho-Ho as we know him, has been an integral part of Denny-Sealth Music since he joined Denny orchestra in 6th grade. Ho-Ho has always shown a strong work ethic and a strong desire improve the sound of the orchestra. He is a strong musical leader playing both violin and piano. Ho-Ho has participated in all our major performances at school and on our trips to Portland, Canada, and both trips to Disneyland. As a senior he has helped lead a chamber string ensemble made up mainly of seniors in performances at school and as a part of the district. Ho-Ho will continue playing music in college and he will be pursuing a career in a music related field.”

Danyel-Tito Magcalas — *Literary Arts*

“Danyel-Tito is the epitome of a Literary Arts scholar. His literary analysis is mature and astute and insightful, and he is always willing to add to the discussion in class. He can transform into any character when he reads a part in a play, making us truly believe he is a worn down sixty-one year old salesman or a superhero on another planet. Most importantly, he writes for pleasure constantly, penning mythical tales and science fiction that read like a published author's work (which he will be in good time, I have no doubt). He loves literature in all its forms and has been a delight to teach this year!”

Elaine Miranda Salcedo — *Visual Arts*

“Has demonstrated persistence and growth in her time in the Visual Arts program. Currently in the IB Art course, she thinks through and plans her work with clear intention and a desire to improve. This year she has taken on more risk and experimentation with the materials she uses and successfully resolves her pieces in meaningful ways that are relevant and impactful. She has shown growth in her confidence and willingness to share comments or questions in class and with peers. Elaine hopes to pursue the arts after high school in college and career.”

CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL

Comments by Napsiyah Sallee, School Counselor

Max Basom — *Performing Arts*

“Student is his best self when he is acting and performing, he does a great job playing roles and giving voices to characters.”

Briana Lee — *Visual Arts — Graphic Arts*

“Student has taken over 4.5 credit in art classes offered at CHS and excels in this platform.”

Saiyana Suzumura — *Visual Arts*

“Student has a passion for art genres and has been in many art shows. Her focus on self portraits has a distinct look and is phenomenal.”

FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

Comments by John Dunkerley, Arts Department Chair

MJ Manaois — *Performing Arts*

“MJ has demonstrated a dedication and pursuit of skills in technical theater above and beyond expectations. MJ works with the drama club, cast and crew to create a strong and purposeful environment amongst the students at Franklin. She helps for hours before and after her counterparts and has been involved in many ways including acting and technical theater since her freshman year. She is level headed, calm, and portrays an excellent sense of leadership. Our program is better because of her contributions to the department”



Sabrina "Ace" Huang — *Visual Arts*

“Ace has taken ceramics, drawing/painting, and advanced drawing/painting, in addition to being in a volunteer portfolio review group, and she embodies a passionate, intellectual curiosity for diverse artistic methods and expression. She is someone for whom the arts will be a lifetime pursuit!”

Miles Grant — Music

“Miles demonstrates a dedication to his art rarely found in a student his age. He not only gives his all to the band here at Franklin, but also plays in ensembles outside of the school and studies privately. His positive attitude and leadership is a valuable asset to our program.”

GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Comments by Anita West, Fine Arts Chair

Paige Anderson — Visual Arts

“Paige has stood out by being an especially innovative student in the studio this year, working hard to try out new techniques and materials, and accepting/learning from critique. She works hard and her work has improved by leaps and bounds through the risks taken creatively. Paige plans to go to art school in New York City”

Julia Haralson — Performing Arts — Theatre

“Julia is a dynamic leader who is always thinking about the other person. Her creativity and attention to detail is a hallmark of her leadership. She is dedicated to the theatre and will be attending The Theatre Qschool at DePaul University in the fall.”



Aidan Preedy — Music

“Aidan has shown incredible fortitude and leadership in the band this year. The band teacher was hired late and then due to outside circumstances, was unable to continue the teaching contract. The substitute teacher was not a musician but tried to keep the class going, with little success. Aidan, a continuing member of the ensemble, stepped in, organized the group, and continued the challenge of keeping the members interested and playing music. The fine arts department is indebted to his outstanding leadership in a time of crisis.”

INGRAHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Comments by Angie Allemand, Arts Instructor

Andrew Brennan — Visual Arts — Digital Photography

“I am giving the Robert Jackson Block Award to a student I have had the pleasure of teaching for only the past few months. New to Ingraham this year but you wouldn’t know it based on his attitude and confidence walking through the door. Since day one I’ve seen valiant effort and the acquisition for MORE. He’s consistent and positive with constructive criticism. His ability as a photographer comes naturally and is fostered so well he’s constantly improving. There’s nothing narrow or rigid about it. He’s not afraid to reach into the abyss of creativity; in fact, it’s more of a “let’s try and see what happens” than anything else. Conversations are often like; “I really want to try this” & “I wonder what will happen when” followed by “I’m not sure but let’s try and see!”. So-called “FAILURE” is not a stopping point for him. Not even close. Of course, he will benefit from receiving this award & recognition but honestly, he doesn’t need the help. (LOL) He is already encouraged and supported by his peers and the like; I’m pretty sure they’ve started commissioning him for work. Because he already gets this attention & support, the Block Award is just the cherry on top. Congratulations, Drew Brennan.”



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Satchel Murphy — *Music*

“Satchel Murphy has been a valued member of the music department for four years. During his time at IHS, he has participated in Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Orchestra, Vocal jazz and Jazz Band. As well as performing in the musical pit orchestra for four years. His spirit and enthusiasm for music will be missed throughout the music department.”

Aidyn Stevens — *Performing Arts*

“I have known Aidyn Stevens as an exemplary member of the school theatre program for nearly four years. As her theatre director and drama teacher, I have had the pleasure to work with Aidyn both in the classroom and as a part of the plays and productions. She never shies away from a challenge and in fact seems to shine brightest in those moments when she can push herself. She takes every role seriously and believes that there is something she can learn from every part that she takes on, whether it be as an actor, dancer, vocalist, costumer, scenic artist, choreographer or director. Aidyn has worn many hats and wears each with aplomb. Aidyn has grown as an artist with a unique and compassionate voice. Aidyn is a woman of great talent and unsurpassed passion for her art. “

NATHAN HALE HIGH SCHOOL (Four awards of \$150 given)

Comments by Erin Shafkind, Art Department Chair

Aaliyah Soukup Stone — *Music*

“Aaliyah Soukup Stone is a talented musician with a powerful, soulful voice. As a member of Hale’s Vocal Jazz ensemble, she has participated and wowed clinicians in several festival solo clinics, and earned an outstanding soloist award singing with Hale’s Jazz Band at the Bellevue College Jazz Festival this year. Aaliyah is passionate about promoting our music department to future students, and developed her senior project around an audition workshop for incoming Vocal Jazz hopefuls. She studies voice privately and has plans to continue singing in college next year.”

Kaylyn Ready — *Performing Arts — Dance*

“Kaylyn Ready is a thoughtful, sensitive, deeply-soulful artist. As a performer, Kaylyn is a gifted and dedicated dancer. This year she was accepted into the prestigious Westlake Affiliates, AKA Affi-gang, dance ensemble where she has had the opportunity to train with the likes of Terrance Spencer, Hannah Wintrode and Phi Voba, some of the top movers in the PNW. While dance is currently her focus, Kaylyn is an artist of many talents and interests; in addition to participating in multiple Hale drama productions she has a love for writing, music and literature.”

Noah Rice — *Visual Arts*

“Noah has been active all four years in Visual Arts at Nathan Hale. They are an active member of the Art Club and meet twice a week in the art room with other creative folks. Noah is an avid drawer and painter and has shown art locally and will be in Narramore Show at the Seattle Art Museum exhibition for Middle/High School students in Seattle Public Schools. Noah is also developing game cards, sort of like Magic or Dungeon and Dragons, drawing, writing, and using technology to create a brand new series.”

Jared Rogers — *Literary Arts — Writing*

“Jared Rogers is the heart and soul of our student literary scene. He is the head of both the Writer’s Club which meets weekly on Wednesdays and The Creek, Nathan Hale’s annual literary magazine. Jared works hard to promote a friendly, collaborative environment where all students are welcome and all



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contributions valued. Beyond his obvious leadership skills, Jared is a talented writer and public speaker who uses his voice to promote equity, justice and beauty.”

NOVA HIGH SCHOOL

Comments by Karen Kosoglad, Art Instructor

Frances Barker — *Music (tie - \$100 award)*

“Frances Barker performed Bass at the vera project and help rejuvenate our whole music program at Nova.”

Ruby Higashi — *Music (tie - \$100 award)*

“Ruby for diligence professional performance in jazz and advocacy for race and access for youths.”

Bella Daly — *Visual Arts*

“Amazing dedication and stunning ability to express themselves in visual art. Bella has demonstrated a level of excellence in many art mediums.”

Lashaunyce O’Cain — *Literary & Performing Arts*

“Lashaunyce O’Cain (aka "Kid LIO") is an accomplished singer, songwriter, rapper, novelist, poet, and teacher. She's co-created transformative spaces of music and poetry onstage and in the classroom rooted in the intersections of art, justice, and community through her work with Youth Speaks Seattle, Totem Star, Arts Corps, and the Nova Naked Truth class!”

RAINIER BEACH HIGH SCHOOL

Comments by art instructors Rachel Street, Aaron Jefferson, and Melissa Hancock

Rashaun Dumas — *Performing Arts*

“Rashaun shows great promise in the Arts. His talent, positive attitude and driven approach to theater make him an excellent candidate for this award.”

Wedebata Efreem — *Visual Arts — Ceramics*

“Wedebata is a powerful ceramic artist as well as a positive thoughtful young man.”

Aziah Hampton — *Music*

“Aziah is a remarkable musician, excelling on both guitar and upright bass. He is the only student member of the faculty band. He is the lead string bass player in the orchestra and often takes on mentoring students on bass and guitar. Aziah seeks opportunities outside of school to showcase his talent. He is the only member of the music program that has been in the program for his entire high school career. Aziah maintains great grades all the while playing music, and working at his martial arts dojo.”



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ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL

Comments by Carrie Richard, School Counselor and Scholarship Coordinator

Madeleine Gerst — *Visual Arts*

“Madeleine stands out for her creativity in interpreting assignments that reflect who she is both in her photography and drawing and painting classes.”

Henry Mohr — *Music*

“Henry has been dedicated to our programs throughout all four years of his high school career. He is a selfless team player who gives 110% to every group[he performs with: Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble (playing with Wind Ensemble), Drum Line (student leader), Marching Band, Pep Band, jazz jam sessions...AND he is the drummer for the Bellevue College Jazz Ensemble. Henry is serious, but well-liked and respected by peers and teachers alike. He is always willing to help others. He exemplifies the ideals that we value in our music department. He is also a truly outstanding musician who plans to continue studying music in college as he prepares for a professional career in music.”

Tessa Weinland — *Performing Arts — Theatre*

“Tessa has exhibited leadership qualities in our theatre program since the first day she showed up freshman year. Tessa serves as a State Thespian Officer as well as our Thespian Board President here at Roosevelt. She involves herself in every theatre event with a positive and motivated attitude. She constantly strives to perfect her craft and advocates for the RHS theatre program in whatever way she can – whether it’s publicizing productions, ensuring the lasting legacy of the department, or working to improve the experiences of new thespians.”

SEATTLE WORLD SCHOOL

Comments by Lori Leberer, Art Instructor

Juan Cruz Alonzo — *Visual Arts*

“He is an outstanding visual artist.”

Bich Ngan Nguyen — *Literary Arts*

“Excellence isn essay writing and studying English.”

Umakon Ponchan — *Visual Arts — Fine Art*

“Excellent in all methods and materials, especially portraiture.”

SOUTH LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

Comments by Dr. Beverly Luster, Head Counselor

Abdikadir Abukar — *Music Production*

“Abdi is very attentive in his music production class, he has shown tremendous growth and he strives for musical perfection.”

Elias Jaimes — *Music Production*

“Elias is very attentive in his music production class, he has shown tremendous growth and he strives for musical perfection.”

Magan Mohamed — *Music Production*

“Magan is very attentive in his music production class, he has shown tremendous growth and he strives for musical perfection.”

THE CENTER SCHOOL

Comments by Karen Harmon, Head Counselor

Theodore DePina — *Performing Arts*

“Theo is a dynamic and energetic performer and leader. As a performer, his total dedication is shown by 12 years with Pacific NW Ballet, currently at the highest level 8 for non-professionals. This year in Theatre Arts, Theo took on a leadership role as the choreographer for our fall production of “In-City Color”. He recruited dancers, selected music, made the rehearsal schedule, and led his dancers to reach professional standards. He is now choreographing our production of “Romeo & Juliet”. Theo’s passion and mastery of dance, both ballet and hip-hop, illuminates from his body when he dances. Theo plans on majoring in dance next fall at the University of Oregon.”



Emrys Foster — *Literary Arts*

“Few students in our school, our city, perhaps the entire planet have demonstrated the power of art, in this case poetry, more than Emrys Foster. Emrys’s powerful writing and electrifying performances have led not just to multiple school slam championships, but also to opening for famous poets and literary critics, as well as earning the title of two-time Seattle Arts and Lectures Youth Poet Ambassador. Even without factoring in that Emrys has written a novel that is being considered for publication, Emrys was a clear winner for this honor. Though Emrys’s relationship with poetry continues to evolve, Emrys’s contributions to poetry at Center will always be remembered by those who witnessed their power.”

James Meyers — *Visual Arts*

“James demonstrates a consistent desire to grow his practice and dig deeper into both process and meaning. Even as explores various media, he is simultaneously defining and refining his personal aesthetic. His artwork speaks to internal conversations about identity, body, gender, and sexuality. James exemplifies a serious artist in the making and reflects the best qualities we aim to teach and foster in student artists.”

WEST SEATTLE HIGH SCHOOL

Comments by Colette Swenson, Head Counselor

Hailey Bell — *Visual Arts — Ceramics*

“Hailey is so creative! She works so hard to create unique solutions to each problem presented at the beginning of the unit. She also works to support other students in class so they can feel successful with art. (Ceramics)”



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Romy Ehram — *Visual Arts — Ceramics*

“Romy is creative and incredibly attentive to detail. She continues to come in outside of class to work on projects even though she is no longer enrolled.”

Mary Schlachter — *Visual Arts — CAD Design*

“Mary Schlachter is a powerhouse of a self-motivated designer. She is quiet, yes, but focuses on her work and produces excellence. Her designs are technically gorgeous, stylish as David Bowie and bountiful as Thanksgiving. That speaks volumes about her. She is an awesome example of what women are capable of in tech and that there is no bloody reason it should be a male-dominated field”