



WC E-Poetry Contest 2019



Potpourri of Poetry Awards Celebration

The 2019 winning student and teacher poets

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Barnes and Noble Bookstore, Exton PA

WC E-Poetry Project Goals



1. Student and teacher poets write, revise, and edit original poems in any content area.
2. With STEAM Connections, poems, songs, and art works were submitted in Schoology on word docs, google slides, or I-Pad apps (SeeSaw/PAGES, and CLIPS).
3. All poems were read and scored utilizing a PA Poetry rubric by a panel of retired teachers and PA Writing fellows.
4. All winning poets, families, and teachers were invited to annual Potpourri of Poetry Awards celebration at Barnes and Noble Exton, PA.
5. First place winners in each grade level category (1-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12/teachers) received a \$250 stipend to youth writing program held at West Chester University held in July



West Chester Area Education Foundation Mission Statement

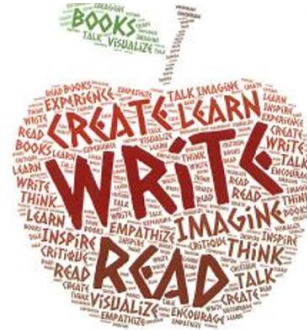
With **STEAM** connections, this noteworthy literary event supports the mission of the foundation by fostering unique choices, honing craft skills and creative voices. The ideals resonate a positive message to our community that our district values the poetry writing during **April's National Poetry Month**.

Outcomes

- *Over 135 poems submitted this year
- *14 poems had Art or music connections
- *4 winning poems had diversity topics featured in our Equity Newsletter
- *Cover news story on our district site and a caption write sent to KIDS newspaper
- *4 First place winning poets attending Summer Youth programs at West Chester University in July 2019



Scholarship



Congratulations!

This scholarship is awarded to :
Jack Lyons, Bayard Rustin High School

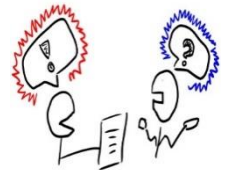
\$250 Scholarship to the
2019 35th Summer Young Writers/Young Readers
Summer Enrichment Camp For Children and Teens

*Thank you for your participation in the
2019 West Chester Area School District
E-Poetry Contest*



Event Feedback

- *Poets excited to share their treasured words during the awards ceremony
- *Public recognition of poems, songs, and art works at ceremony
- *Original paintings/art works connected to poems
- *Superintendent, Dr. Jim Scanlon and guest author, Dr. Lynne Dorfman both shared their passion and purpose for poetry in their life experiences
- *Parents so grateful that their child had this wonderful literacy opportunity
- *Art/Music teachers excited to connect Grade level art projects or music to varied poems
- *Teachers thrilled to see their student's confidence in poetry writing blossom as they shared their wondrous words and messages.



Letter of Reflection-Past recipient, Sarah Croft, grade 2, after attending the summer writing program at West Chester University in July.



August 2018

Dear West Chester Area Education Foundation,

I really loved writing camp. I loved that my classmates were so kind and that my teacher Mrs. Bove was so much fun. We learned about similes, metaphors, adjectives and nouns. I loved that Mrs. Bove taught us about grammar by singing songs. I also liked learning and writing my own poems. The haikus were more challenging than I thought they would be! Mrs. Bove read us books, we wrote, sang and played instruments. I will always remember reading lines from ABC books and writing ABC stories. The best part was that I loved being at West Chester University at the fancy new building and feeling like I was at a college from the future. I will never forget my special two weeks at writing camp.

Love,
Paige Croft

Winning Poem Entries 2019



Olivia Benedict

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Mary C. Howse

Kirsten Verrichia

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Life

Life is like learning how to ride a bike.

There are twists and turns,
And when you want to go one way,
You go the other.
Then you CRASH!

But you get up again and don't stop.
Whether you have anxiety,
Or your parents are divorced,
Or you switch schools,
You don't give up, because
Life is like learning how to ride a bike.

Life is like a peanut butter and jelly sandwich

It looks yummy on the outside

The bread is fluffy and fresh and HAPPY!

But on the inside, it is sloppy!

The jelly is angry,

The peanut butter is sad,

And where they mix together it's scary!

But you put the sandwich back together again and eat.

The happy bread holds it together,

It tastes so good,

Life is like a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

Either way, life is about learning and choosing

You can be in a field of flowers,

Or getting stung by a thousand bees all at once

Either way;

Life is a mystery and life makes us who we are, so

Enjoy it because you only have one Life

Dhani Mowatt
Grade 8
Peirce Middle School
Ms. Curay-Cramer
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Being a Black Male in 2019

Just because I am a black...

Don't think that I can't read or write because I can clearly do both.
Don't assume I am going to hurt or harm you just because
of my height, skin and build.
Don't ask to touch my hair because the answer is no.

Just because I am black...

Doesn't mean that I'm not going to college.
Doesn't mean that my dad left me.
Doesn't mean I have 10 brothers and sisters.

Just because I am black...

Don't think that I am gifted in sports.
Don't assume that I am a part of a gang or I am uncultured.
Don't ask if you can have the "n-word pass"
because it's not a thing.

Just because I am black... does not mean I can't succeed in life.

I ♥ E-Poetry

