

43rd ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST

Award Ceremony

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Children's Services Division

Silas Bronson Library

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Bilal Tajildeen

Bilal Tajildeen joined Connecticut Community Foundation in 2017 as a program coordinator and oversees youth programming and grassroots initiatives as well as assists in the Foundation's community leadership efforts. His duties include grantmaking, facilitating community conversations, and working with Waterbury, CT residents on developing their grassroots projects. He serves on the community council of Waterbury Bridge to Success, a city-wide cradle to career and collective impact collaborative as well as on the executive committee of the Queer Unity Empowerment Support Team. He is currently working on an English thesis-track master's degree from Central Connecticut State University, focusing on post-colonial and queer theory.

Angela R. Holmes, D.Ed.

Angela Holmes is a lifelong resident of Waterbury. Angela has two beautiful daughters. She is an active member of and part of the ministerial team at Alpha & Omega Kingdom Ministry in Waterbury under the leadership of Apostle, Dr. Elaine Burke. Angela is the Director of the Youth Pipeline and Community Outreach Coordinator at Waterbury Hospital. She earned her Doctorate Degree in Educational Leadership. She spends much of her time serving on various committees throughout our community and at the state level. She greatly enjoys empowering and advocating for parents and families in education and encourages them to use their voices to help make civic changes into policies and law. She is a member of the Board of Directors for Waterbury Hospital Auxiliary, Inc., a Bridge of Success Council member, and Chairperson for the Family Engagement Network, a member of the Waterbury board of Education Parent Ad-Hoc Committee, and a member of the School Readiness Council, to name just a few of her many committee involvements. Her favorite part is to be a judge for the Silas Bronson Library Poetry Contest for the last three years.

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The Friends of the Silas Bronson Library



Special Guest Musicians at the Award Ceremony

Jazz Band of Waterbury Arts Magnet School

[Back and Forth]

Music Director: Mr. Phillip E. Sterling, Jr.



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Themes by Grade

1st My Favorite Animal

2nd It's Spring!

3rd Dinosaurs

4th Scary Things

5th My Favorite Invention

6th Finding Treasure

7th If I Were a Superhero

8th If I Could Change the World

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FIRST PRIZE WINNERS

Grade

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| 1 | Tyler Ellis |
| 2 | Kaitlyn Keenan |
| 3 | Mackenzie Fayer |
| 4 | Nathan Sam |
| 5 | Yaakov Shtern |
| 6 | Maria Codianni |
| 7 | Alondra Valle |
| 8 | Katie Abousada |

All poems appear as they were received

Kittens Are Cute

The kittens eyes are cute

Black like midnight

Big and round

Watching me with love

Tyler Ellis

Rotella, Grade 1

Spring is Here!

Spring there is rain

Spring there is clouds

Spring there is light

Spring there is dark

In spring flowers bloom

Like daisies and roses

In spring there are

Maple trees and apple trees

In spring there is new grass

In spring there is new soil

Kaitlyn Keenan

Brass City Charter, Grade 2

Dinosaurs in an IceCream Store!

Dinosaurs in a icecream store, are the funniest that you will ever
explore!

The dinosaur in a icecream store made the cashier run out the door!
The dinosaur was so hungry by the way, he fixed himself an icecream
sundae!

He went out for some sun, the icecream sundae was almost done.
The dinosaur was gone in a blink, like all the other dinosaurs, extinct!

Mackenzie Fayer

Rotella, Grade 3

Avoiding Vegetables

Puking for hours from weird lima beans
And don't get me started with gross collard greens.
Disgusting nutrients like sweet potatoes
I do like ketchup but I really hate tomatoes
Those little gross foods like greenpeas
I honestly know they shake my knees
I throw up and puke at those orange carrots
It's like getting to eat a dead parrot
The wine shaped green asparagus
Why did you make these why Americas?
The pickles that are gross and cucumbers too
Guess what, into the trash and bye bye to you
After a day of all these greens
Someone anywhere I need protein!

Nathan Sam

Rotella, Grade 4

The greatest invention in the world is us
From when we wake up in the morning to get ready for the bus
We jump and run and walk and talk
Maybe we can't see as good as a hawk
Or fast as a fox
Or as strong as an ox
But we can use a hammer and nail
To make a train on a rail
Or a boat with a sail
What you are seeing
Is what I can do as a human being

Yaakov Shtern

Yeshiva K'tana, Grade 5

Treasure

I found it, I found it
The treasure is mine
It was hidden and buried
But I found a sign
It said go underwater in a sea full of fish
I was swimming and swimming
I felt childish
The water took me far, far away
I was floating and floating
Till I found a stingray
He gave me a map that lead to the treasure
I skimmed it and scanned it
And said "oh, what a pleasure"
I went to the valley
With hope in my heart
And I found the treasure
And said "oh my I'm smart"
So that was the story of how I found gold
This is the end
'cause the story was told

Maria Codianni

Saints Peter and Paul, Grade 6

If I were a superhero my name would be Luma
I would help those facing the worst of life
The bullied, and the poor
I would bring them justice
I would bring them their happy endings
I would soar through the skies
Watching the citizens
Making sure nothing gets out of line
If I were a superhero
I would bring peace to the world
I would make sure everything is perfect
I would treat people with righteousness
Make sure they have no problems
And make sure they have everything they need
If I were a superhero
I would play with the bullied
And let them know I will be there for them
This is what I would do
If I were a superhero

Alondra Valle

St. Mary School Grade 7

If I Could Change the World

I would make it a better place

Friends would not have to be a specific race

I would help everyone that I could

Creating equality among all people, races, religions for good

Opening our ears and eyes

Understanding that we can make changes if everyone tries

Love and caring is all it takes

Discrimination will be gone for goodness sakes

Changing the world starts from within

Happiness will surely begin

Anyone can change their points of view

Nobody is incapable of changing, not even you

Giving the same privileges to everyone around

Eventually will have an amazing sound

Trying to believe that it could be done

Helping everyone under the sun

Explaining to everyone how not to hate

Will one day help to seal our fate

Opening our hearts to people of all kinds

Really being to change the times

Love and acceptance is truly the key

Dreams to change the world for all to see

Katie Abousada

Saints Peter and Paul, Grade 8

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HONORABLE MENTION

Grade

- 1 Isabella Nemeth**
- 2 Yzabella Latorilla**
- 3 Gianna Silas**
- 4 Evan McDuffie**
- 5 Jaezlyn Johnson-Curry**
- 6 Justin DiGiovanna**
- 7 Nicholas Codianni**
- 8 Tzvi Bernstein**

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The Playful Elephant

An elephant sparrkles in the sun

He stomps around and has fun

An elephant is cute and gray

With their family, they like to play and have fun all day

Isabella Nemeth

Rotella, Grade 1

Spring has sprung!
Oh what fun!
Winter is finally done!
Flowers sprout and you can go out
You can have fun in the sun!
There is rain and rainbows too!
You can have fun with your friends too!
There is Spring Break too!
You can kick back your feet and watch TV all day!
But all I can say is Happy Spring Day!

Yzabella Latorilla

Saints Peter and Paul, Grade 2

A Dinosaur Ice Skating

The ice skates were too small.
Slipping, cracking she began to fall
Right through the ice like a brike through glass
Although she got first place for making the croud laugh.

Gianna Silas

Rotella, Grade 3

Big Bad Bullies

Big mean kids that make my stomach go up and down,

Waiting for them to come around.

Sometimes my shoulders sag,

Sometimes they make me drag.

One time they made me nervous,

About a story of a burning furnace.

Big kids that bring me down

My mind is going around.

They make me really sad

They are really really bad

Seeing them chewing gum

They should have a piece of chum.

Evan McDuffie

Rotella, Grade 4

Diabetic Pump!

Hope: My pump gives me hope for a healthy life

Family: Diabetes runs in my family but different types

Pain: My pump hurts my stomach but it's ok

Miserable: My pump makes me miserable with it's loud sound

Noise: My pump makes beeps and bops and it will not stop

Misunderstood: I'm bullied and teased because of my disease

Understanding: I have friends that understand and love me for who I
am!!!

Best: I know it's the best for me because I don't know what I'd do
without it

Jaezlyn Johnson-Curry

Rotella, Grade 5

Finding Treasure

Buried treasure can be anything at all
From gold to silver or even a basketball

You can find treasure at the bottom of the sea
Or in your backyard buried next to a tree

Some things you find might be really ancient
But sometimes you have to be patient

Sometimes the items can be shiny and new
They can be big or small red, yellow, or blue

Finding treasure is a fun thing to do
So how about you and your family do it too

Justin DiGiovanna

Saints Peter and Paul, Grade 6

If I Were a Superhero

If I were a superhero, I would be fast,
I would take out villains with my electric blast.
I would run around the city like the Flash,
I would run for one second in the 'hundred-yard dash.
I would fight with "vibe" against Killer Frost,
I've been to the future, I have never lost.
I can travel to the past to see my mom and dad,
Although I shouldn't, it makes me sad.
I traveled through the speed force it was scary,
Met a man from Earth-2 his name is Harry
Earth-2 has a Flash, Jesse Quick,
Fought a heat man, his name is Mick

Nicholas Codianni

Saints Peter and Paul, Grade 7

Changing the World

Changing the world is everyone's dream
People have gone and worked as a team
People have tried hard but come up short
And after awhile they decided to abort
But one thing they missed from their goal
Was working together and it took its toll
We can do it all if we work as one
We will abolish poverty, wars and guns
Every country could eliminate their border
There wouldn't be a need for law and order
Everything would be peaceful and calm
There would be no terrorist countries to bomb
We will accomplish together because it's a must
It's such a good cause will you join us

Tzvi Bernstein

Yeshiva K'tana, Grade 8

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E-mail _____

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