# The New York Times Learning Network 2019 Student Editorial Contest Finalists

(in alphabetical order by title)

#### **Top Twelve Winners**

"Limiting Science Education: Limiting Ourselves" by James Chan

"Shakespeare: Friend, Not Foe" by Angela Chen

"Breaking the Blue Wall of Silence: Changing the Social Narrative About Policing in America" by Narain Dubey

"Lessons for 2020 Democratic Presidential Candidates, From a Soon-to-be First-Time Voter" by Nora Fellas

"U.S. Citizens Are Dying and We Can Save Them" by Eva Ferguson

"The Life-Changing Magic of Being Messy" by Isabel Hwang

"Nothing Gets Between Me and My Sushi... Except Plastic, Maybe" by Sophia Lee

"I'm a Disabled Teenager, and Social Media Is My Lifeline" by Asaka Park

"A Change in the Menu" by Grace Silva

"'Cultural Appropriation' Is Critical to Human Progress" by Maggie Strauss

"Confronting Toxicity in Gaming: Going Beyond 'Mute'" by Anthony Xiao

"China Needs Freedom of Information" by Anonymous

## **Runners-Up**

"Not Enough Boxes" by Summer Abdelbarry

"Rape: The Only Crime Where Victims Have to Explain Themselves" by Corinne Ahearn

"Paying to Stay: How an Outdated System Hurts New York State Prisoners" by Alexis Ahn "Religion's God Complex" by Julia Bennett

"The Integrity of Pineapple Pizza" by Sarah Celestin

"We Are the Generation of Self-Deprecation" by Faith Christiansen

"Life Sentences for Children Should Go Away...for Life" by Jessie Dietz

"Cynicism Sells: Why Negativity Is So Popular and Why You Should Care" by Teaghan Duff

"F.A.A. Negligence Plus Corporate Greed Equals Avoidable Passenger Deaths" by Will Golder

"The Broken Catholic Church Needs Female Priests" by Noah Handfield

"The Korean Dream Is a Korean Tragedy" by Jinha Kim

"Astroturfing: Political Injuries Caused by Fake Grass" by Emma Leek

"From K-Pop to Kondo: Why Mere 'Inclusion' Isn't Enough" by Nicole Li

"Self-Care Alone Will Not Fix the System" by Walter Li

"Why I, a High School Football Player, Want to See Tackle Football Taken Away" by Keegan Lindell

"China: It's Time to Meet Your Daughters" by Lila McNamee

"Why Mainstreaming CBD in Consumer Products Is Detrimental to Our Society" by Emily Milgrim

"I'm Not Surprised at the College Admissions Scandal, and You Shouldn't Be Either" by Maria Olifer

"That's Not MY Problem: The Bystander Effect in Today's Society" by Cassidy Remboski "Drop Everything and Yoga" by Rose Sanders

"How 'It's Okay to Be Gay' Has Become a Lie in the Trump Era" by Lane Schnell

"Can We Please Do Our Homework?" by Carolyn Strandberg

"Insulin: Our Lifeline, Not Our Luxury" by Carly Teitelbaum

"Tiger Parenting: An Angel in Disguise" by Michelle Twan

"Why We Should Teach the Truth About American History" by Patrick Wang

The New York Times Learning Network "A Student Program to Heal a Divided America" by Yu Qi Xin "Moving Forward: Stopping Volunteer Tourism" by Jack Jian Kai Zhang

#### **Honorable Mentions**

"The Case Against the Word 'Caucasian" by Lauren Avery "SpaceX. Space Why?" by Grace Beelman "Learning Tolerance Through Debate" by Lisi Breen "Time 'Heals' All Wounds" by Kira Briggs "Kanye Isn't a Superhero" by David Chmielewski "Does My Mom Love Her Phone More Than Me?" by Eliva Cohen "The Issue With Instant Gratification" by Mira Debelak "How We Can Make School Lunch a Responsible Choice" by Claire Gardner "First in Your Class? No Speeches, Please" by Griffin Harris "чему нас учат школы? ("What Do Schools Teach Us?") by Will Henderson "The Unfinished Symphony of Public Music Education" by Jane Hicken "Sex Education: Not as Educational as We Think" by Jamie Hogn "THIS Is the American Holiday We Need" by Henry Hsiao "Salesmen in Uniform" by Madison Jennings "Open the Clerical Closet" by Robert Kane "WASD Your Way to Wonder" by Barbara Kluev "The School Wide Web" by Gene Liu "Grandma and Grandpa Set the World on Fire" by Samantha Low "I Am Fat and I Am Beautiful" by Hadiya Mehdi "Food Stamps: One Cashier's Opinion and (Possible) Solution" by Maddox Metzger "Illegal Love" by Samantha Morgan "Professional Journalism Is Dying Because Professional Journalism Is Elitist" by Eamon Morris "Escaping the Corset in the World's Beauty Capital" by Jiwon Na "A Case for Boredom" by Matthew Noaw "Returning to Its Roots: Why the Republican Party Must Embrace Conservation" by Colby Porter "American Colleges Need Greater Diversity...of Thought" by William Rosenberger "Untraining Our Bias" by Beau Seate "Journalists: Their Death Is Our Death" by Isabella Simon "Informed Skepticism" by Niels Vanderloo "Food Waste for Thought" by Brooke Wager "The World Is Changing But English Class Is Not" by Isabella Zeff

"Hundreds of 'Friends' Yet We're Still Lonely" by Lily Zhang

## **Round 3 Finalists**

"America Needs to Go Back to Its Roots" Jana AlHajjiri

"Coding Bodies" by Danielle Amir-lobel

"What Will Be the Role of Teachers in the Education System of the Future?" by Vaidehi B

"How Your 16-Year-Old Can Save Our Democracy" by Madeline Bale

"Is My Privilege a Part of the Problem?" by Sydney Breitbach

"The Justifications of Animal Experimentation" by Benjamin Carranti

"Improving Education With Nature" by Paula Chung

The New York Times Learning Network "Is It Possible to Separate Art From the Artist?" by Jake Cummings "You Should Talk About Controversial Topics With Your Children" by Romina De Pita "Planet of the Vapes" by Sage Ecko and Sadie Guvet "Should Snow Days Be a Thing of the Past?" by Ashton Fuentes "To Fix the Abuse of Extended Time on SAT Tests, Bring Back Disclosure" by Natalie Hahn "Using Summer School to Solve the Achievement Gap" by Hannah Heindel "Once Separate, Still Unequal: The Unaddressed Intersection of Race and Education" by Estrella Hernandez "Out of the Closets and Into the Schools" by Charlotte Higbie "Mistreatment of Pregnant Women in Prison" by Madison Holmes "Recycling Centers, Not Landfills: Higher Education in Prisons" by Hannah Huang "China's Youth and the Search for Spirituality" by Jiaxin Hao "I Was Too Sleep Deprived to Name This Properly" by Sadie Inatsugu "Finding Purpose in a New Economy" by Albert Kerelis "The Mental Illness We Don't Know We Have" by Joseph Kleese "Becoming Better Global Citizens" by Anna Knueve "Intentional Communities: The Alternative to Institutions" by Samuel Kornylak "Stop Ignoring Asylum Claims: America's Moral Obligation to Its Southern Neighbors" by Tamar Landesman "Divided We Are Falling" by Anna Landi "Living on Mars? Hold That Thought." by Michelle Ling "Gender Equity in Mathematics: A Solvable Equation" by Marianna Mattin "Overdosing: Rap's Culture of Synthetic Opioids" by Gabby Martin "Compensation for the Wrongfully Convicted" by Delaney Melgarejo "Do Plea Bargains Have a Place in Justice?" by Uma Menon "My Future Is Not for Sale" by Ranen Miao "As Society Break Norms, Ballet Is Stuck Centuries Behind" by Ava Moore "Activism for Sale" by Laila Al Mukhtar "Do 'Anchor Babies' Pose an Imminent Threat to America?" by Cassandra Paes "STEM's #MeToo Moment" by Juanwen Pan "Want More Women in STEM? Don't Be Surprised if It Works." by Cora Pancoast "Social Media: The Demise of Democracy" by Nirav Patel "Why Aren't Americans Voting?" by Julia Phipps "Daisy Dukes and Double Standards: Why Dress Codes Should Be Abolished" by Ellie Purinton "Frantically, Desperately Paddling" by Nicole Rong "Real People, Not Mascots" by Gabriela Rosado "The Case for the Total Annihilation of Every Mosquito" by Alexander Rovalino "Privatized Immigration Detention Reveals That Capitalism Has Gone Too Far" by Emma Schwartz "A Is for ability, B Is for Burnout" by Samantha Simon

"Unmasking LGBTQ History" by Heather Szczesniak

"The Power of Superheroes" by Tyler Tran

"Rappers=Authors" by Kyle Wolfson

"Ground Zero Gender Classrooms" by Sasha Yeskel

"We Should Have Zero Tolerance for Zero Tolerance Policies" by Jenna Yuan

"A More Inapt Word I Cannot Imagine" by Ariela Zweiback

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