

The New York Times Learning Network
2022 Student Editorial Contest Finalists

(in alphabetical order by the writer's last name)

Winners

- Aria Capelli, age 16, The Athenian School, Danville, Calif.: “Bunking With Grandma: Lessons From My Multi-Generational Pandemic Bubble”
- Aimee Choi, age 17, Seoul International School, Seongnam, South Korea: “Planting the Next Chapter of Farming”
- Lucas Cohen-d’Arbeloff, age 17, Harvard-Westlake School, Los Angeles: “How ‘Don’t Say Gay’ Diminishes Same-Sex Parents and Their Children”
- Kate-Yeonjae Jeong, age 17, Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts, Houston: “To Meme or Not to Meme”
- Ketong Li, age 17, Miss Porter’s School, Farmington, Conn.: “High on Helping: The Dangers of Voluntourism”
- Serena Liu, age 15, Parkway West High School, Chesterfield, Mo.: “Stolen Art: Why We Need Repatriation”
- Emerson Riter, age 15, The Masters School, Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.: “After Treatment Comes a New Battle, And Cancer Patients Aren’t Prepared”
- Louisa Rosenberg-Chiriboga, age 15, Francis Parker School, San Diego: “Black, White and Somewhere in Between”
- Katherine Shao, age 16, Mercer Island High School, Mercer Island, Wash.: “Megaconstellations: ‘Stars’ You Don’t Want to See in the Sky”
- Evelyn Wang, age 17, Naperville North High School, Naperville, Ill.: “How Fast Fashion Became Faster — and Worse for the Earth”
- Zoe Yu, age 17, The Woodlands College Park High School, The Woodlands, Texas: “Endangered Languages Are Worth Saving”

Runners-Up

- Anika Ajgaonkar, age 15, Biotechnology High School, Freehold, N.J.: “Learning With Mother Tongues Helps Us Find Home”
- Soa Andriamananjara, age 15, Holton Arms School, Bethesda, Md.: “Madagascar: The Country”
- Sydney Black, age 16, Byram Hills High School, Armonk, N.Y.: “It Is High Time We Give 16-Year-Olds the Vote”
- Srikruthi Godavarthi, age 16, Olentangy High School, Lewis Center, Ohio: “The Silent Sobs of Asian Americans”
- Isabella Heilig, age 16, Cape Hatteras Secondary School, Buxton, N.C.: “Rape Culture Dressed Up

as Protection”

Ruby Jewett, age 16, Jesuit High School, Portland, Ore.: “Schools Need to Build More Bike Racks”

Zhi Feng Etan Kiang, age 14, Harvard-Westlake School, Los Angeles: “A Real American Military Calls for All Americans”

Catherine Latimer, age 16, Ida B. Wells-Barnett High School, Portland, Ore.: “Back It Up Shakespeare — Skills-Based Learning Has Come to College”

Kit Man Simon Law, age 16, QSI International School of Shenzhen, Shenzhen, China: “I’m a Man Who Has Long Hair — So What?”

Fayte Le, age 16, Vista Ridge High School, Cedar Park, Texas: “I Am [REDACTED]”

Wendy Lu, age 17, Oakton High School, Vienna, Va.: “Ethnic Aisles: Segregation Within Grocery Stores”

Rachel Pakan, age 16, Hunter College High School, New York, N.Y.: “The Epidemic of Performative Social Media Activism”

Sunghyun Park, age 16, Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, N.H.: “It’s Time to Lose the Obsolete Tradition of Classroom Animal Dissections”

Zizhou Peng, age 18, St. George’s School, Middletown, R.I.: “China’s After-School Tutoring Ban Offers No Reprieve From School Stress. Here’s What Beijing Should Do.”

Bea Reichman, age 17, Penfield High School, Penfield, N.Y.: “School or Services? Public Districts Need More Holidays.”

Shane Stesner, age 17, Regis High School, New York, N.Y.: “Natural Resource Robber Barons: The Case for Environmental Personhood”

Yael: “Technology and the Shaping of News Consumption”

Owen Yu, age 17, The Haverford School, Haverford, Pa.: “Crying: It’s a Human Thing”

Honorable Mentions

Shreya Arukil, age 17, Lenape High School, Medford, N.J.: “Redefining Americanism”

James Biglan, age 17, Cheltenham High School, Wyncote, Pa.: “Moving Forward, Together”

Elsa Bishop, age 15, Exeter High School, Exeter, N.H.: “Respect the Pandemonium”

Martha Castro, age 16, The Archer School for Girls, Los Angeles: “Unattainable Living: Effects of Gentrification on Culture and Heritage”

Emily Chen, age 15, University Transition Program, Vancouver: “The Plight of the Tiger Mothers”

Jialu Chen, age 16, University of Toronto Schools, Toronto: “Shakespeare: In Complete Honesty”

Ricky Chen, age 16, Shenzhen College of International Education, Shenzhen, China: “A Tip for the U.S.A.”

Yuan Cheng, age 14, Marlborough School, Los Angeles: “The Silver Screen Closet: Confronting Queerbaiting in Films”

Joseph Coyle, age 17, Penfield High School, Penfield, N.Y.: “Video Games Could Be the Key to Youth Cognitive Development”

William Dai, age 17, Plano West Senior High School, Plano, Texas: “How to Save the News”

Grace DeLossa, age 17, The Archer School for Girls, Los Angeles: “Gay-Related Information Deficiency, or GRID”

Tara Dixit, age 16, Chantilly High School, Chantilly, Va.: “Teen Mental Health in the United States”

Keira Doshi, age 15, Francis Parker School, San Diego: “Standing Tall at 4’11”: Why I Can’t”

Adam Gottesdiener, age 17, Brooklyn Technical High School, Brooklyn, N.Y.: “The Cycling Generation: A Vision for a Greener New York City”

Qianying Gu, age 15, YK Pao School, Shanghai: “An Out-of-Pocket Proposal”

Eddie Guan, age 16, Northfield Mount Hermon School, Gill, Mass.: “Free of Covid or Freedom During Covid”

Michelle Hernandez-Torres, age 16, South Lyon High School, South Lyon, Mich.: “The Deceitful Glamour of Narcos”

Mia Huybrechts, age 16, Oakton High School, Vienna, Va.: “Period Poverty Is More Costly Than You’d Think”

Adrien Ibsen, age 17, Roosevelt High School, Des Moines, Iowa: “America’s Dystopian Schools: The Consequence of Censorship in Education”

Jiaqi Jiang, age 17, JSerra Catholic High School, San Juan Capistrano, Calif.: “The Necessity of Keeping Speech Free”

Miaya Jones, age 15, West Geauga High School, Chesterland, Ohio: “Why Pencils Are Better Than Pens”

Kristie Kang, age 16, SMIC Private School Shanghai International Division, Shanghai: “It’s Time to Take Some Time”

Eliana Kim, age 16, International Gateway Academy, Istanbul: “Shoes Off, Please”

Rhea Kohli, age 15, West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North, Middlesex County, N.J.: “No Pockets, No Deal”

Jack Lakis, age 16, Harrison High School, Kennesaw, Ga.: “We Raised a Politically Illiterate Generation”

Megan Lane, age 17, Socastee High School, Myrtle Beach, S.C.: “Why Now Is the Time to Read ‘Don Quixote’”

Tanner Langeveld, age 16, Green Valley High School, Henderson, Nev.: “Free the Page”

Joshua Levinson, age 14, Murray Avenue Middle School, Huntingdon Valley, Pa.: “Do What’s Right: Make Our Future Bright”

Ann Li, age 16, International Community School, Kirkland, Wash.: “Women-Only Isn’t Women-Inclusive”

Raphael Li, age 16, Henry M. Gunn High School, Palo Alto, Calif.: “ADX Florence: An Insidious

Stab at Human Rights”

Yaning Liu, age 16, Episcopal High School, Alexandria, Va.: “We Can Never Erase History, So Let’s Add More to the Story”

Sarah Josefine Lonser, age 18, Columbus School for Girls, Columbus, Ohio: “Where’s My _____ Teenage Dream?”

Alan Ma, age 17, Jesuit High School, Portland, Ore.: “More Than Just a Ball”

Benjamin Mast, age 17, Verona Area High School, Verona, Wis.: “The Parasite in Your Pocket”

David Moore, age 18, Olentangy High School, Lewis Center, Ohio: “The Pedagogue’s Pitfall”

Sara Nimz, age 16, Oak Park River Forest High School, Oak Park, Ill.: “We Have Failed to Properly Educate Our Children on the Holocaust”

Minha Oh, age 15, Sage Hill School, Newport Beach, Calif.: “The Primrose Path to Predictive Text”

Pooja Patel, age 16, Herricks High School, New Hyde Park, N.Y.: “Hidden in Her Pocket”

Ryan Pearlman, age 16, Buffalo Grove High School, Buffalo Grove, Ill.: “Schools and the Technological Takeover”

Aanya Raghavan, age 13, Timberline Middle School, Redmond, Wash.: “Cinderella Isn’t So Bad: A Modern Feminist’s Take on Disney Princesses”

June Ritzman, age 15, Albany High School, Albany, Calif.: “It’s They/Them, Not a Phase”

Cora Shao, age 14, University Transition Program, Vancouver: “Just Because I Read Y.A. Doesn’t Mean I Have a Vampire Boyfriend”

Ella Sleutaris, age 17, Penncrest High School, Media, Pa.: “School: A Barrier to Childhood”

Kai-Ping Su, age 16, Shanghai American School, Shanghai: “The Negatives of ‘Body Positivity’”

Erin Sweeny, age 12, Menlo School, Atherton, Calif.: “The Truth Inside Gendered Pockets”

Allison M. Vardi, age 15, Ramsey High School, Ramsey, N.J.: “Let Us Pee”

Maeve: “Toilet Talk: Bathrooms Should Be a Right Not a Privilege in Public School”

Isabella Winters, age 17, Notre Dame de Sion High School, Kansas City, Mo.: “Don’t Drop the Soap: Why You Shouldn’t Laugh”

Yichen Wu, age 15, APP-ARK Education, Shanghai: “Appropriate or Appropriated? Navigating Cultural Fusion in a Global Age”

Victor Xu, age 14, The Crescent School, Toronto: “Our Educational System Should Better Serve Introverted Students”

Sanjana Yasna, age 16, Stuyvesant High School, New York City: “Let’s End the Period of Shame”

Sarah Yee, age 15, Granite Bay High School, Granite Bay, Calif.: “Open Your Eyes to See Mine Are Not Your Trend”

Hanna Zhao, age 14, John Jay High School, South Salem, N.Y.: “Makeup’s Skeleton in the Closet: Mica Mining”

Round 4 Finalists

Ruby Adler, age 14, Francis Parker School, San Diego: "Misogyny With a Side of (Vocal) Fries"

Alexandra: "Lacrosse: Padding vs. Peril"

Vikram Balaguru, age 15, West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North, Plainsboro, N.J.: "The Grass Is Always Greener: Breaking Up With the American Lawn"

Mahima Bansal, age 15, West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North, Plainsboro, N.J.: "America Is a Melting Pot, but Is That a Good Thing?"

Gabriel Barcelona, age 17, North Hollywood High School, North Hollywood, Calif.: "Hawaii: A Paradise Not for Us"

Nicole Bell, age 17, Penfield High School, Penfield, N.Y.: "American Dream? More Like Environmental Nightmare"

Latajha: "Not Just A Preference"

Trisha Benjamin, age 17, John D. O'Bryant School of Math and Science, Roxbury, Mass.: "Stop Asking Me About My Hair"

Lillian Berger, age 16, John T. Hoggard High School, Wilmington, N.C.: "Teach Me to Vote"

Chloe Bernstein, age 16, Byram Hills High School, Armonk, N.Y.: "It's Dinner Time for Bacteria"

Canran Bian, age 14, The Overlake School, Redmond, Wash.: "From Art to Sport: From Tale to Tournament"

Karli Bivona, age 17, Guilford High School, Guilford, Conn.: "The Trendiness of Suffering"

Kate Bjorklundage, age 17, Verona Area High School, Verona, Wis. "Weightlifting Kills"

Joya Breinholt, age 18, Georgetown Day School, Washington, D.C.: "Don't Kid Yourself: Skin Bleaching Is Still an Issue in the U.S."

Brian: "Don't Give Me Space – Should Society Keep Funding Space Exploration?"

Estelle Brower, age 16, Argyle High School, Argyle, Texas: "Abstinence, a Devil in Disguise: The Importance of Comprehensive Sex Education"

Jameson Butler, age 15, Brooklyn Technical Highschool, Brooklyn, N.Y.: "In Defense of Vandals"

Joslan Carter, age 13, Bulkeley Middle School, Rhinebeck, N.Y.: "Abolishing Absurd Attendance Awards"

Joyce Chen, age 15, Canadian International School of Hong Kong, Hong Kong: "Discrimination in Film: How Indigenous Peoples are Portrayed in Hollywood"

Xin Yi Chen, age 16, Shanghai American School Puxi, Shanghai: "A Predicament of Students in Asia: Collectivism and Conformity in Education"

Aneesh Chintala, age 14, Fowler Middle School, Plano, Texas: "South Asian Struggles With Colorism"

Chloe Cho, age 16, Ridgewood High School, Ridgewood, N.J.: "Mental Disorders Aren't Supposed to Be Romantic"

Hyomin Hannah Choo, age 13, Korea International School, Seongnam, Korea: "My Name Is NOT

an Easy-to-Read Label”

Claudia Collins, age 15, Benenden School, Cranbrook, United Kingdom: “Profits Over Lives: How Social Media Is Destroying Childhood”

Allie Cooper, age 16, Byram Hills High School, Armonk, N.Y.: “As Gas Prices Increase, So Does the Opportunity for Change”

Siwen Cui, age 17, Kent School, Kent, Conn.: “Quiet, Please! Seeking Relief From the Deafening Sounds of the Great Metropolis”

Courtney Davis, age 15, and Tessa Etergino, age 16, Bernards High School, Bernardsville, N.J.: “The Controversy Surrounding Lacrosse Headgear in New Jersey”

Godlyn D'Souza, age 16, Hinsdale Central High School, Hinsdale, Ill.: “Students With Disabilities Deserve Better”

Andrew Deng, age 15, Newark Academy, Livingston, N.J.: “War and Sports – Where Do We Stop?”

Ahana Devadas, age 14, Johnston Middle School, Johnston, Iowa: “Red, White and Blue: The Colors of the Flag That Is Dividing Our Nation”

Iman Ellahie, age 17, Rowland Hall, Salt Lake City: “Let Us Read Romance”
“Eid-al-Fitr: Should it be a National Holiday?”

Olivia Flanz, age 17, Sparta High School, Sparta, N.J.: “Before You Sexualize Me, at Least Write a Good Song”

Celine Fong, age 18, George Washington High School, San Francisco: “Cherish That Glorious Golden Yellow Sphere”

Maya Friedberg, age 17, The Emery/Weiner School, Houston: “Black Friday and Cyber Monday Are Killing Us”

Samantha Gao and Sydney Lu, ages 14, Shanghai American School, Pudong Campus, Shanghai: “For One Meal, One Day or a Lifetime”

Ruby: “A Colorful Classroom Makes a Clever Mind”

Aveline Gu, age 15, St. Francis Xavier Secondary School, Mississauga, Ontario: “Look Up”

Gwynnie Guo, age 16, American International School of Guangzhou, China: “A Victim to the Health Code: An Unlikely Culprit in Mass Surveillance”

Kevin Guo, age 16, East Chapel Hill High School, Chapel Hill, N.C.: “Poisoning Ourselves”

Jakob H Haas, age 16, Ramsey High School, Ramsey, N.J.: “Stop Abandoning Foreign Language: Realize the Untapped Applicable Potential”

Elizabeth Hall, age 18, Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science and Technology, Lawrenceville, Ga.: “We Don't Talk About Bruno or Intergenerational Trauma”

Paloma Hashemi, age 17, Vistamar School, El Segundo, Calif.: “Variants and the Vulnerable: Omicron Is Bringing Out the Worst in Americans”

Carter Haskell, age 16, Carroll High School, Southlake, Texas: “How the Media Obscures Mental

Illness”

Mirabelle Hayes, age 14, Cedarbrook Middle School, Wyncote, Pa.: “Pick on Someone Your Own Size: A Skirmish of Cis and Trans Women in Sports”

Margaret He, age 17, The Emery/Weiner School, Houston: “Stricter Genetic Privacy Regulations for Commercial Genetic Testing”

Gabrielle Heuer, age 16, Lake Washington High School, Kirkland, Wash.: “A Defense of the Slacktivist”

Micah Rose Hoffman, age 18, Big Bear High School, Big Bear Lake, Calif.: “TikTok: The Authoritarian Clock”

Meg Housewort, age 16, Evanston Township High School, Evanston, Ill.: “Behind the Classroom Door: The Harsh Reality of Racial Inequity in Accelerated Classes”

Thomas Hsu, age 16, Fountain Valley High School, Fountain Valley, Calif.: “Acknowledging Mental Health and Athletes”

Karrie Huang, age 16, Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto, Calif.: “Proofread, Please”

Samuel Hudson, age 17, La Canada High School, La Canada, Calif.: “If We Want to Protect Queer Rights, We Need to Start With Trans Kids”

Jinran Huo, age 16, Ruiqi Gao, age 17, Ruiyang Wang, age 17, Yiyang Xi, age 16, Hefei NO.1 School, Hefei, China: “I and My Stuttering”

Ayan Jayasekara, age 15, University Transition Program, Vancouver, B.C.: “Copyright Law: The Spiral That Never Ends”

Madeline Jennings, age 15, Parkway School, St. Louis: “Eurocentrism: Is It Really a Thing of the Past?”

Sheena Jiang, age 15, University Transition Program, Vancouver: “Don’t Sugarcoat My Sugar”

Jillian: “Better Late Than Never”

Julia: “The Subtle but Harmful Impact That Lack of Representation Media Has on Children”

Julianna Johnston, age 17, New Bern High School, New Bern, N.C.: “Body Positivity Isn’t Always the Answer”

Charli Jones, age 16, Cheltenham High School, Wyncote, Pa.: “Fore-getting Diversity”

Ingrid Kary age 14, Cedarbrook Middle School, Wyncote, Pa.: “Bigotry in Disguise: Parents in Education”

Kelsey: “Books: Better to be Loved or Hated?”

Rhea Khettry, age 16, Peters Township High School, McMurray, Pa.: “Let’s Turn the Oscars Into an International Award Ceremony”

Faith Kim, age 17, Oakton High School, Fairfax, Va.: “Protect Our Children”

Hennah Kim, age 15, Orange County School of the Arts, Santa Ana, Calif.: “Cancel Culture and Bullying: Two Sides of the Same Coin”

Anna Knepley, age 17, Hereford High, Parkton, Md.: “Systemic Misogyny: How the Professional

Sports World Undermines Female Athletes”

Chelsea Kodiaga, age 16, Oakton Highschool, Oakton, Va.: “Black Hair Is Beautiful”

Nicole Korchev, age 15, University High School, Irvine, Calif.: “Being Russian Around the World”

Nina Kreikemeier, age 16, St. Joseph's Academy, St. Louis.: “Abandoning the ACT”

Tara Kumar, age 16, Westtown School, West Chester, Pa.: “Reimagining Grading for the 21st Century”

Nora Nelson Laird, age 16, Bloomington High School South, Bloomington, Ind.: “We Must Challenge Gender Biases Surrounding Careers”

Mia Le Meur, age 14, Lycée Français de New York, New York, N.Y.: “It’s Not Just About Pronouns: Non-Binary Gender Identities and Romance Languages”

Sushant Lebaka and Jason Xu, ages 16, Rutgers Preparatory School, Somerset, N.J.: “Eurocentrism in Russo-Ukrainian War: Why It Matters”

Margaret Lee, age 17, Walnut High School, Walnut, Calif.: “Book Bans Limit Freedom”

Yeonwoo Lee, age 17, Daewon Foreign Language High School, Seoul: “Reimagining Mental Health Stigmas and Dangerous Educational Norms in South Korea”

Alana Lewis, age 17, Cheltenham High School, Wyncote, Pa.: “Decoding Dialects”

Maggie Li, age 16, Brooklyn Technical High School, Brooklyn, N.Y.: “The Exile of Thought”

Anita Liang, age 16, Stuyvesant High School, Brooklyn, N.Y.: “The Problem of Lesbian Representation and Disney”

Nancy Lin, age 17, The Webb Schools, Claremont, Calif.: “Hollywood’s Eternal Outsiders”

Sophia Liott, age 18, Hatboro Horsham High School, Horsham, Pa. “Put an End to the Ravaging of Oceans”

Isaac Liu, age 16, Dougherty Valley High School, San Ramon, Calif.: “Asian, but Underrepresented?”

Sara Liu, age 12, Tyee Middle School, Bellevue, Wash.: “Soil: The Forgotten Part of the Environment”

Margaret Lockman, age 14, West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South, West Windsor, N.J.: “Guys and Gals... and Nonbinary Pals”

Yao Lu, age 12, Wellesley Middle School, Wellesley, Mass.: “Political Rhetoric: A Pandemic Hate Crime?”

Alexandra Malkin, age 16, Ardsley High School, Ardsley, N.Y.: “What's Your ‘Dream School?’”

Saranya Mandapaty, age 14, West Windsor-Plainsboro High School, North Plainsboro Township, N.J.: “Is Family Vlogging Sounding the Death Knell of Normal Childhood?”

Ella Mask, age 17, Lone Peak High School, Highland, Utah: “Fast Fashion’s Faux Pas: Those New Jeans Are Hotter Than You Think”

Nya Masoni, age 17, Stuyvesant High School, New York, N.Y.: “Hollywood's Issues Regarding Proper Black Representation”

Claire McCullough, age 16, Lake Stevens High School, Lake Stevens, Wash.: “Giving a Voice to

the Disenfranchised”

Charlie Meyer, age 18, Gonzaga College High School, Washington, D.C.: “Diction Matters”

Ellen Moyle, age 16, Hatboro Horsham High School, Horsham, Pa.: “Music: The Overlooked Education”

Ashwath Nerlekar, age 16, Overseas Family School, Singapore: “‘All in a Day’s Work’ – The Plight of the Men Who Built Singapore”

Grace Nguyen, age 16, Fountain Valley High School, Fountain Valley, Calif.: “Clinical Exclusion: What’s Wrong With Women?”

Dorothy Okoroage, age 16, William B. Travis High School, Richmond, Texas: “White Is Not the Default”

Ifeoma Okwuka, age 17, Bard High School Early College Queens, Long Island City, N.Y.: “Why Black Hair Will Forever Be More Than Just Hair”

Olivia: “Putting a Spotlight on Period Poverty”

Amar Ozkan, age 16, Ramsey High School, Ramsey, N.J.: “Texting and Driving Versus Drinking and Driving: Is One More Justifiable Than the Other?”

Sadie Palmer, age 13, Glens Falls Middle School, Glens Falls, N.Y.: “Make Broadband a Public Utility: It’s Not Just for Playing Wordle!”

Roma Patel, age 17, Coppell High School, Coppell, Texas: “Hostile Architecture: Yet Another Way to Harm America’s Vulnerable”

Xintong Peng, age 18, Nansha College Preparatory Academy, Guangzhou, China: “Scrolling. Free Will or Manipulation?”

Matthew Perkins, age 16, Verona High School, Verona, Wis.: “Don’t Be Afraid of Alone Time”

Stephanie Peterson, age 16, Jesuit, Portland, Ore.: “Warning Labels Required for Synthetic Color Additives”

Theodora Quint, age 15, Biddeford High School, Biddeford, Maine: “Male Hormonal Birth Control: What’s the Hold-Up?”

Alexander Redshaw, age 17, Sunset High School, Beaverton, Ore.: “The Rise of Ghost Guns”

Daniel Rentel, age 16, Fordham Preparatory School, Yonkers, N.Y.: “The Ploughshare Beaten Into the Sword: How Russian Orthodoxy Has Been Weaponized in the War on Ukraine”

Olivia Rivera, age 15, Ravenscroft School, Raleigh, N.C.: “‘Others’ Like Me”

Shelby Rosen and Madison Weiss, ages 16, Bernards High School, Bernardsville, N.J.: “At What Cost?”

Nathaniel Rosman, age 12, Acera School, Winchester, Mass.: “Open Your Home, Open Your Heart: Solving America’s Foster Crisis One Family at a Time”

Colmille Rottinghaus, age 17, Hillsdale Academy, Hillsdale, Mich.: “Want to Make Running Elections Less Partisan? Let Independents Volunteer!”

Ruxanda Rusu, age 17, Genesis College, Bucharest, Romania: “Growing Green: the Verdant Path to Happier, Healthier Cities”

Jonathan Sanders, age 16, John L. Miller Great Neck North High School, Great Neck, N.Y.:
“Bubble Tea: A Faulty Phenomenon”

Chloe Schlesselman, age 17, Brooklyn Technical High School, Brooklyn, N.Y.: “We Need To
Re-Evaluate How We See Gender in Ballet”

Kylie Schneider, age 17, Greenwich High School, Greenwich, Conn.: “Students Are Burnt Out.
Schools Must Do Better.”

Felisha Semedo, age 16, John D O’Bryant, Roxbury, Mass.: “#PRETTYPRIVILEGE
#NATURALBEAUTY”

Mia Sgro, age 15, West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North, Plainsboro, N.J.: “Tampons are
Just as Important as Toilet Paper”

Shayna Shanara, age 16, Mentari Intercultural School, Jakarta, Indonesia: “Pretty Over Prestige:
Unfair Treatment in Media Towards Female Athletes”

Nora Shao, age 14, University Transition Program, Vancouver, B.C.: “Two (Separate) Peas in a
Pod”

Eva Sharma, age 14, West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South, Princeton Junction, N.J.: “We
Need to Be Reflected in TV Screens, Not Just Mirrors”

Zachary Shore, age 16, Bellbrook High School, Bellbrook, Ohio: “High Schoolers Learn Math, So
Should Prisoners”

Viktoriia Sokolenko, age 18, The Masters School, Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.: “‘West-Plaining’ Ukraine:
Danger of Blaming War in Ukraine on NATO’s ‘Imperialistic’ Expansion”

Vishak Srikanth, age 16, Basis Independent Silicon Valley, San Jose, Calif. “The New 10-Second
Rule: Taming Rudeness in the Post-Pandemic Era”

Justin Strugger, age 17, Columbia High School, Maplewood, N.J.: “You’re Trying To Remove
Politics From the Classroom. Stop.”

Gabriella Tapp, age 16, South Lyon High School, South Lyon, Mich.: “The Hidden Value of Stress”

Charlotte Taylor, age 16, Greely High School, Cumberland Center, Maine: “The Answer Might Be
Right Up Your Sleeve”

Jake Tessnow, age 16, Carroll High School, Southlake, Texas: “The Fatal Texting Epidemic”
“The Politicization of The Supreme Court”

Rhea Thombre, Jane Addams Middle School, Seattle: “America Loves Paper Towels Too Much”

Maansi Tibrewal, age 13, Helen Keller Middle School, Easton, Conn.: “School Administrations
Need to Work With Parents to Educate Kids About Racism at a Young Age”

Natalie Tocci, age 15, Hatboro-Horsham Highschool, Horsham, Pa.: “Bloody Bathrooms”

Aislin Travis, age 16, Edmonds Woodway High School, Edmonds, Wash.: “Straight Women,
Stop Saying ‘Girlfriend’”

Alexander Trulson, age 18, Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology,
Lawrenceville, Ga.: “Eternal Rest of the Vernacular”

Luca Vicisano, age 16, Berkeley High School, Berkeley, Calif.: “Buying Counterculture: When

Dissent Aesthetics Go Mainstream”

Arthur Wang, age 17, Rye Country Day School, Rye, N.Y.: “One More Powerful Tool for a Complex Problem”

Mia Warita, age 18, International School of the Sacred Heart, Tokyo: “Predators on Board on Examination Day”

Olivia Weekes, age 17, Guilford High School, Guilford, Conn.: “What Do Standardized Tests Actually Measure?”

Yuhe Wei, age 17, Rutgers Preparatory School, Somerset, N.J.: “‘Stop Asian Hate’ Is Only a Beginning”

Ellie Weinzimer, age 17, Guilford High School, Guilford, Conn.: “Overworked and Underpaid”

Frankie Welch, age 14, New West Charter High School, Los Angeles: “The Lost Art of Boredom”

Aubri Whitmire, age 18, Festus R-6 Senior High School, Festus, Mo.: “Prioritizing Conformity in Our Country’s Education System”

Mackinsey Wilson, age 15, William H Hall High School, West Hartford, Conn.: “Dead, but Dying Again: How We Can Still Breathe New Life Into Shakespeare”

Mikayla Wu, age 15, Valley Christian High School, San Jose, Calif.: “Can We Copyright Creativity?”

Lanxuan (Laura) Xia, age 15, St. Mark’s School, Southborough, Mass.: “Let’s Talk About Sex”

Tomas Yafar, age 13, LREI, New York, N.Y.: “Asylum Policies That Marginalize Latin American Asylees Must Be Rewritten”

Khoo Soo Yin (Cherie), age 14, Raffles Girls’ School (Secondary), Singapore: “Imagine... A World Without Stars”

Allison Yun, age 18, Chadwick School, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Calif.: “Life Is a Highway. I Am a Traffic Jam.”

Harley Zhang, age 16, St. Robert Catholic High School, Markham, Ontario: “Technology: Keeping Us Close Together, Even When We’re Not”

Olivia Zhu, age 16, Vel Philips Memorial High School, Madison, Wis.: “The TikTok Times: The New Way to Inform Generation Z”

Sophie Zhu, age 15, Williamsville East High School, East Amherst, N.Y.: “Language as Fruit for Camaraderie, Change or Control”

Yancheng Zhu, age 16, No.2 Hing School of East China Normal University, Shanghai: “In Battle With Omicron, Shanghai Laments Its Pyrrhic Victory”

Zhiyi Zuo, age 16, Wuhan Britain-China School, Wuhan, China: “Sex-Shaming in China: Why It Needs to End Now”