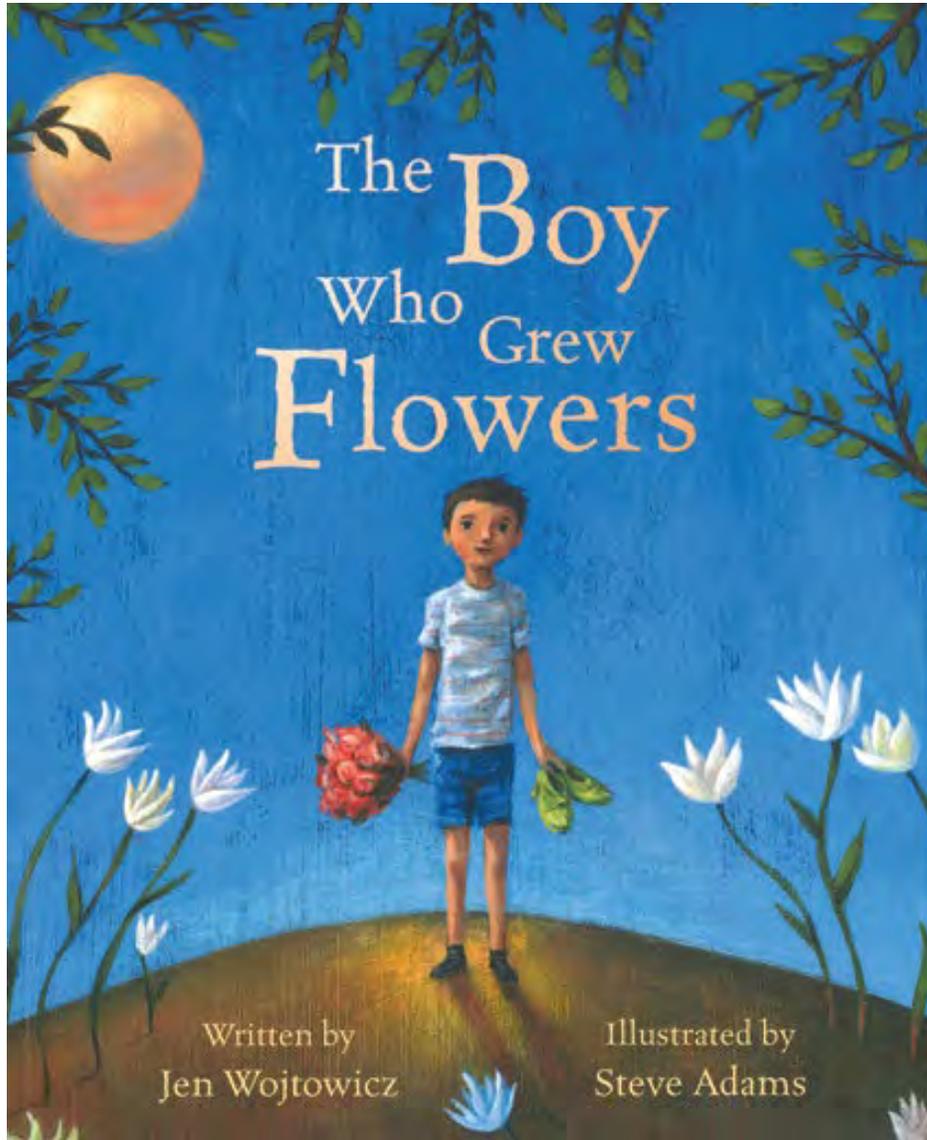


All Kids Included (AKI) District-Wide Student Visual Art competition 2020 Virtual Awards Ceremony



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The theme for the 2020 AKI district-wide student visual art contest was inspired by the book, *The Boy Who Grew Flowers* by Jen Wojtowicz, illustrated by Steve Adams.

The Boy Who Grew Flowers is a unique and inspirational story of courage, difference and friendship. The beautifully illustrated book featuring ethereal paintings on textured boards is a wonderful story that celebrates the power of kindness. Student artists read the book for inspiration and depicted the themes of courage, difference and friendship.

A large, textured splash shape in shades of orange and red is centered on a white background. The splash has irregular, organic edges and a mottled, watercolor-like texture. The text "Pre-K" is centered within the splash in a clean, white, sans-serif font.

Pre-K



2nd Place



**Picking Flowers with
Mommy (a diptych)**

Artist: Abraham B.

Grade: Pre-K 4 | Age: 4

Artist Statement: *This is
Abe. Abe likes being in the
garden.*



1st Place



A Joyful Dance

Artist: Mary S.

Grade: Pre-K 4 | Age: 4

School: David Fairchild
Elementary

Art Teacher: Lydia Sabatier

Artist Statement: *Everyone
can dance the way they
want to.*



Elementary School



Honorable Mention

Untitled

Artist: Nicole C.

Grade: 4th | Age: 9

School: Whispering Pines
Elementary

Artist Statement: *I enjoy reading
the book*



Honorable Mention

Giving Blossoms

Artist Name: Francisca G.

Grade: 4th | Age: 9

School: True North Classical
Academy

Art Teacher: Sara Alfaro



Honorable Mention

Flower Boy

Artist: Shyla T.

Grade: 4th | Age: 9

School: True North Classical
Academy

Art Teacher: Sara Alfaro



3rd Place



Rink and the Moon

Artist: Alexa K.

Grade: 1st | Age: 7

School: Aventura City of Excellence School

Artist Statement: *Rink holds the slippers he made and looks at the moon. He is happy because he is thinking about Angelina.*



2nd Place



Untitled

Artist: Sasha M.

Grade: 5th | Age: 11

School: Advanced
Achievers Academy

Art Teacher: Hazel Arroyo



1st Place



Untitled

Artist: Andrea R.

Grade: 5th | Age: 11

School: Advanced
Achievers Academy

Art Teacher: Hazel Arroyo



Middle School

Honorable Mention



We are all Humans

Artist: Zachary M.

Grade: 6th | Age: 11

School: Carrie Brazer Center for Autism

Art Teacher: Sean Phelan/Gabriel Leon

Artist Statement: *Hello, My name is Zachary. I am a young transgender and autistic artist. I created this piece to show that people can look different in size, shape, color and appearance and still be human. It took me 4 hours to create this masterpiece. I hope you enjoy it and I am pleased to join this awesome art competition.*



Honorable Mention

Intensity

Artist: Patricia P.

Grade: 8th | Age: 14

School: AP Mays

Conservatory of The Arts

Art Teacher: Gerald Obregon



Honorable Mention

Untitled

Artist: Ruomeng (Rosie) W.

Grade: 8th | Age: 13

3rd Place



In Bloom

Artist: Claire G.

Grade: 6th | Age: 11

School: True North
Classical Academy

Art Teacher: Sara Alfaro





2nd Place



Togetherness

Artist: Marcos S.

Grade: 6th | Age: 11

School: Everglades K-8 Center

Artist Statement: *This painting shows friendship, courage and diversity. The pictures style was inspired by the book. "The Boy Who Grew Flowers." I really enjoyed the book and it made me think about the world live in and all the different friends I have and know. The picture shows three friends, together, setting off on an adventure.*



1st Place



Untitled

Artist: Helena S.

Grade: 7th

School: Hammocks Middle

Art Teacher: K. Michelle



Highschool



Honorable Mention

Contact

Artist: Isha A.

Grade: 12th | Age: 17

School: AP Mays

Conservatory of The Arts

Art Teacher: Gerald

Obregon



Honorable Mention

Rainbow

Artist: Jade L.

Grade: 11th | Age: 16

School: AP Mays

Conservatory of The Arts

Art Teacher: Gerald

Obregon



Honorable Mention

Basking in the Sun

Artist: Jonathan S.

Grade: 10th | Age: 15

School: AP Mays Conservatory
of The Arts

Art Teacher: Gerald Obregon



3rd Place



One With Nature

Artist: Jayda C.

Grade: 9th | Age: 16

School: AP Mays Conservatory
of The Arts

Art Teacher: Gerald Obregon



2nd Place



Floral Hair

Artist: Yeleny V.

Grade: 9th | Age: 16

School: AP Mays Conservatory
of The Arts

Art Teacher: Gerald Obregon



1st Place



Love

Artist: Sureily M.

Grade: 11th | Age: 16

School: AP Mays

Conservatory of The Arts

Art Teacher: Gerald Obregon

Best in Show





Best in Show

Untitled

Artist: Helena S.

Grade: 7th

School: Hammocks Middle

Art Teacher: K. Michelle





We want to thank all of the parents and teachers who continually encourage the efforts of their children in the arts.

We want to thank all of the students that took the time to share their art and participate in the 2020 All Kids Included District-Wide Student Art Contest. We invite you to visit the 2020 AKI art contest online gallery to view all of the incredible work submitted by students from throughout Miami-Dade County at:

<https://www.artsonia.com/museum/gallery.asp?project=1963639>

Stay tuned and follow AKI on social media @AllKidsIncludedMiami for announcements about the 2020 live art exhibition and the 2021 student art contest.

