



Carson City School District

1402 West King Street, Carson City NV 89703
(775) 283-2000 - Fax: (775) 283-2090

Contact:

Dan Davis, APR

Public Information Officer

Carson City School District

(775)-283-2027 direct

(775)-247-6442 cell

ddavis@carson.k12.nv.us

For Immediate Release

**Nevada PTA Awards Scholarships to Three Carson High Students,
Honors Nine Others in Reflections Art & Literature Contest**

CARSON CITY, Nev. (May 15, 2017) — Taylor Saarem, Nicolaus Salm and Megan Tingle of Carson High School were honored as the 2017 Nevada Parent Teacher Association (PTA)'s Battle Born Scholarship Winners. Both Saarem and Salm earned \$500 scholarships while Tingle earned the highest \$1,000 scholarship. Students from Carson City Made up nearly half of the 2017 winners – only seven candidates in the state were awarded scholarships.

Additionally, the Nevada PTA honored nine students with awards of excellence and merit in their annual Reflections Art and Literature Contest. The nation-wide program encourages students to explore their writing and artistic talents through theme-based arts. Students submit works in any of six categories including literature, photography, visual arts (2D and 3D), musical composition, dance choreography and film production. Judging is based on creativity, artistic merit and interpretation of the theme. The theme for 2016-2017 was "What is Your Story?" Students were permitted to submit as many entries, in as many categories, as they preferred. The following students earned state recognitions.

- Chandler Blueberg, Award of Merit – Music
- Mia Brozovich, Award of Merit – Visual Arts
- Michelle Dawes, Award of Merit – Visual Arts
- Lacey Holmes, Award of Excellence – Visual Arts
- Karson Law, Award of Excellence – Photography
- Sarah Miller, Award of Merit – Photography
- Carlos Montejano, Award of Excellence – Music
- Hannah Philippi, Award of Merit – Photography
- Aubreana Ruiz, Award of Excellence – Literature

Preceding the Nevada PTA Reflections Contest, the following students won the local Carson High School Reflections Contest. For each category, winners were awarded \$50 for first place, \$30 for second and \$20 for third.

- MORE -

Literature:

- First Place – Aubreana Ruiz, “My Story”
- Second Place – Dominic Goodner, “18 Years: The Novel”
- Third Place – Kaila Richards, “Chariot, Take Me Away”

Photography:

- First Place – Karson Law, “Head in Clouds”
- Second Place – Cindi Redus, “Footprints”
- Third Place – Hannah Philippi, “A Picture Tells a Thousand Words”

Visual Arts:

- First Place – Michelle Dawes, “Demons”
- Second Place – Lacey Holmes, “Live by the Sun, Love by the Moon”
- Third Place – Mia Brozovich, “I am a Believer and Forgiver”

Musical Composition:

- First Place – Carlos Montejano, “A Story of Life”
- Second Place – Chandler Blueberg, “My Story”

ABOUT CCSD

Located in Nevada’s capital, CCSD offers public education to approximately 7,600 students in Carson City. The district includes 6 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, 1 alternative high school and 1 comprehensive high school. CCSD boasts many successes including impressive graduation rates, strict safety measures, programs for gifted students and advanced-placement classes, among several others. In a joint venture with Western Nevada College, the CCSD Jump Start College program allows students to complete their senior year of high school and freshman year of college simultaneously.

- END -