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University of Tampa to showcase Hillsborough County Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

(February 19, 2020) TAMPA – Hillsborough Education Foundation and Hillsborough County Public Schools will host the 2020 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards presented by Suncoast Credit Union. The reception and awards ceremony will honor some of Hillsborough County’s most talented young artists and writers whose work will be exhibited at the University of Tampa’s Scarfone/Hartley Gallery.

The exhibit, which will be open to the public March 6th through March 13th, will feature art and writing pieces by the local middle and high school students participating in the 2020 Hillsborough County Region Scholastic Art & Writing Awards.

What: 2020 Hillsborough Region Scholastic Art & Writing Awards exhibit

When: **March 6-13, 2020** (Gallery hours: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 1-4 p.m. Saturday)

Where: Scarfone/Hartley Gallery, 310 North Blvd. Tampa, FL 33606

Contact: Gallery Director Jocelyn Boigenzahn, jboigenzahn@ut.edu or (813) 253-6217.

On March 5th, regional and national award winners will be honored at an invitation-only awards event on the University of Tampa campus. Attendees will have the opportunity to view the students’ work during a 4:45 p.m. reception in the Scarfone/Hartley Gallery, followed by a ceremony at 7 p.m. in the nearby Falk Theatre. Media interested in covering this event are asked to contact Kendra Oestreich at (813) 944-9510 (cell).

Established in 1923, the awards program is the longest-running, most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in the United States and is the largest source of scholarships for young artists and writers. The awards have an impressive roster of past winners, including Andy Warhol, Truman Capote, Richard Avedon, John Baldessari and Robert Redford.

Category winners of the Hillsborough County awards will be submitted to the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers in New York City and will receive an opportunity to move on to compete at the national level at Carnegie Hall on June 4, 2020.

About the Hillsborough Education Foundation

Established in 1987, Hillsborough Education Foundation (HEF) is a nonprofit focused on strengthening public education by supporting teachers and empowering students to achieve academic and personal success. HEF’s resources and financial support enrich K–12 educational experiences by providing opportunities for all students, regardless of background or economic status. Together with our community partners, HEF strategically invests in initiatives that impact teaching quality and increase graduation rates, bolstering a thriving workforce of tomorrow and the sustainable prosperity of Tampa Bay. **Learn more at educationfoundation.com.**

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