

## LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE MARYLAND STATE FINALISTS 2019

### Level One (Grades 4-6)

#### **Benjamin Tasker Middle School, Bowie**

Shabad Singh – *I Will Always Write Back*:  
*How One Letter Changed Two Lives*

#### **Francis Scott Key Elementary/ Middle School**

Malena Lopresto – *The Girl with the Brave Heart: A Tale from Tehran*

#### **Individual Entry, Bethesda**

My Linh Bui – *Every Soul a Star*  
Olivier Bui – *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*

#### **Individual Entry, Clarksburg**

Joseph Mathew – *A Long Walk to Water*:  
*Based on a True Story*

#### **Individual Entry, Federalsburg**

Chloe Carpenter – *11 Before 12*

#### **Individual Entry, Oakland**

Lily Corby – “I Have a Dream”

#### **The Key School, Annapolis**

Vivien Kaplan – *Wolf Hollow*  
Christian Loftus – *Old Yeller*  
Aurelia Mapp – *Maximum Ride: The Manga Vols. 1–7*  
Noah Moore – *The Hate U Give*  
Olivia Smit – *Up From the Sea*

#### **Northern Middle School - Accident**

Kambria Kyle – *Wolf Hollow*  
Taylor Hummel – *Warriors Series*

#### **Notre Dame Preparatory School, Towson**

Olivia Merrick – *The Kissing Hand*  
Maggie Pedone – *Every Last Word*  
Katherine Phelan – *Make Magic! Do Good!*  
Caitlyn Polun – *Wonder*  
Shannon Polun – *Out of My Mind*  
Riley Reinhardt – *Wonder*  
Ellie Rutzebeck – *El Deafo*

#### **Salisbury Middle School, Salisbury**

Turner Greenhalgh – *Laugh Out Loud*  
Austin Loar – *Ready Player One*  
Millicent Muriuki – *Wonder*  
Gregory Nichols – *The BFG*  
Jordan Scott – *The Hunger Games*

#### **Sparks Elementary School, Sparks Glencoe**

Ellie Carr – *The Hunger Games Series*

#### **St. Annes School of Annapolis, Annapolis**

Grayson Lillibridge – *Holes*

#### **Swan Meadow School, Oakland**

Nathan Jenkins – *Amee-nah: Zuni Boy Runs the Race of His Life*

#### **Walker Mill Middle School, Capitol Heights**

Oluwapelumi Bukoye – “The Average Black Girl”  
Anthony Charles – *Maniac Magee*  
Kadin Holland – *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens*  
Blu Woods – *Middle School: Ultimate Showdown*

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## Level Two (Grades 7-8)

### **Boonsboro Middle School, Boonsboro**

Dane Klinder – “All Summer in a Day”

### **The Bryn Mawr School, Baltimore**

Cara Chow – *Return to Sender*

### **Individual Entry, Annapolis**

Storrie Kulynych-Irvin – *Jane Austen, the Secret Radical*

### **Individual Entry, North Bethesda**

Inci Alemdaroglu – *Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series and The Heroes of Olympus Series*

### **Kent County Middle School, Chestertown**

Cy Karlik – *Crispin: The Cross of Lead*

### **The Key School, Annapolis**

Marco Welch – *Chew on This: Everything You Don't Want to Know About Fast Food*

### **Leonardtwn Middle School**

Timothy Berman – *Born a Crime*

Sarah Bubb – *The Hate U Give*

Henry Churilla – *1984*

Caitlyn George – *Kalahari*

Kayleen Lawver – *Summer of Sloane*

Elise Lyons – *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*

Maddie Mulford – *The Thing About Jellyfish*

Abby Townsend – *Kingdom Of Ash*

Clara Winkel – “Autobiography in Five Short Chapters”

Ian Wood – *Pax*

### **Notre Dame Preparatory School, Towson**

Maggie Beach – *Laugh Out Loud*

Meg Bowen – *Green Eggs and Ham*

Katelyn Colonell – *Soul Surfer*

Samantha Farley – *Harry Potter Series*

Madison Feracci – *The Giver*

Rose Glennon – *The Giver*

Kennedy Pearce – *Wonder*

Lily O'Reilly – *Every Last Word*

Maya Reynolds – *Harry Potter Series*

Logan Walsh – *I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban*

Morgan Watsic – *The Giving Tree*

Katie Wehberg – *Out of My Mind*

### **St. Annes School of Annapolis, Annapolis**

Ari Triandos – *The Thing About Jellyfish*

### **Washington Episcopal School, Bethesda**

Ore Adedeji – *The Hate U Give*

John Carney – *Fahrenheit 451*

Mariam Grigorian – *Salt to the Sea*

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**Level Three (Grades 9-12)**

**Catonsville High School, Catonsville**

Savannah Arciaga – *Turtles All the Way Down*

Wyatt Broschious – *Animal Farm*

Jordan Oseghale – *The Fault in Our Stars*

Sophia Rivera – *Pillow Thoughts*

Ashley Yang – “One Young World Summit”  
Speech

**Gerstell Academy, Finksburg**

Haley Gochnauer – *Night*

**Individual Entry, Baltimore**

Colton Ross – *The Kite Runner*

**Individual Entry, Chevy Chase**

Brooke Jacobs – *Rubyfruit Jungle*

**Individual Entry, Ellicott City**

Sydney Alexander – *Fangirl*

**Individual Entry, Glen Burnie**

Myrian Garcia – *Journey to Star Wars: The Last Jedi Leia, Princess of Alderaan*

**Individual Entry, Glenn Dale**

Samuel Nwuha – *Arena One: Slaverunners*

**Individual Entry, Potomac**

Esther Kim – “Choi Jeong Min”

**Individual Entry, Rockville**

Rose Lee – *The Association of Small Bombs*

**Individual Entry, Towson**

Madelyn VanWestervelt – *Goodnight Moon*

**Montgomery Blair High School**

Emmy Song – *Becoming*

**Notre Dame Preparatory School**

Makaila Alcarese – “The Voice”

Jordan Brandt – *Wonder*

Ashley Canal – *The Shack*

Alyssa Edwards – *Night*

Kelly Fuscaldo – *Wonder*

Ainsley Giles – *1984*

Ruby Heslin – *Junie B. Jones Series*

Madison Knauer – *Percy Jackson Series*

Anna Liberatore – *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine*

Kristin Logue – *Milk and Honey*

Grace Oakey – “En una Tempestad”

Samantha Ogundare – *The Hate U Give*

Rylan Sachs – “Miracle on Ice” Pre-Game  
Speech

Olivia Sevy – “Hope is the Thing with  
Feathers”

Chloe Simpson – *The Handmaid's Tale*

Malinda Smith – *The Handmaid's Tale*

Sydney Stack – *The Giving Tree*

Sydney Taylor – *The Invention of Wings*

Sydney West – *Tattoos on the Heart: The  
Power of Boundless Compassion*

**Parkville High School, Baltimore**

Emma Evans-Novlet – *To Kill A Mockingbird*

Kate Sutorius – *The English Roses*