

2026 STUDENTS

2026 STUDENT COHORT

Genaro Aguilar Saucillo | Poetry (Mentor: Sebastian H. Páramo)
Preparatoria Agrícola, '27 | Mexico

Diya Amaram | Fiction (Mentor: Mayookh Barua)
Edward S. Marcus High School, '27 | Copper Canyon, Texas

Kaitlyn Bai | Fiction (Mentor: Eliza Gilbert)
Eastside Preparatory School, '28 | Bellevue, Washington

Caroline Barr | Poetry (Mentor: Millicent Borges Accardi)
Northwest Academy, '27 | Portland, Oregon

Austin Bate-Agborsangaya | Poetry (Mentor: Mark Kyungsoo Bias)
Taipei American School, '28 | Taiwan

Aasritha Butti | Poetry (Mentor: Raena Shirali)
White Station High School, '26 | Collierville, Tennessee

Haven Cha | Poetry (Mentor: Mark Kyungsoo Bias)
Seoul International School, '26 | Korea

Jennifer Choi | Fiction (Mentor: Patrick J. Zhou)
Chadwick International School, '27 | Korea

Kate Choi | Poetry (Mentor: Christina Olson)
Asia Pacific International School, '27 | Korea

Rachel Choi | Poetry (Mentor: Ernest Ògúnyẹ̀mí)
Orange County School of the Arts, '28 | Cypress, California

Min Woo Chong | Poetry (Mentor: Christina Olson)
Hunter College High School, '29 | New York, New York

Allison Churches | Poetry (Mentor: Millicent Borges Accardi)
Fine Arts Center, '28 | Greenville, South Carolina

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Abigail Dereje | Fiction (Mentor: Ber Anena)
Flipper International School, '28 | Ethiopia

Kayla Duncan | Poetry (Mentor: Sebastian H. Páramo)
Valley Stream Central High School, '26 | Valley Stream, New York

Holden Ellis | Poetry (Mentor: Jordan Hamel)
Anderson High School, '27 | Austin, Texas

Oluwatamilore Faleye | Poetry (Mentor: Ernest Ògúnyẹmí)
Ridge Point High School, '27 | Missouri City, Texas

Keller Fauerbach | Fiction (Mentor: Ben Drevlow)
Charleston County School of the Arts, '27 | Mount Pleasant, South Carolina

Mariana Fialho | Creative Nonfiction/Memoir (Mentor: Scott Edward Anderson)
Colégio Santo Antônio, '25 (Gap Year) | Brazil

Bridget Flynn | Fiction (Mentor: Kasey Peters)
The Wheeler School, '26 | Narragansett, Rhode Island

Everett Glasser | Fiction (Mentor: Ben Drevlow)
The Calhoun School, '27 | New York, New York

Giuliana Grion | Creative Nonfiction/Memoir (Mentor: Samantha Tucker)
School for Advanced Studies, '27 | Miami, Florida

Angela Guo | Fiction (Mentor: Kelly X. Hui)
Phillips Academy, '27 | Andover, Massachusetts

Chelsea Guo | Fiction (Mentor: Yun Wei)
Lexington High School, '27 | Lexington, Massachusetts

Anneliese Halt | Poetry (Mentor: Jessica Poli)
Battle Ground Academy, '27 | Franklin, Tennessee

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Conlan Heiser-Cerrato | Poetry (Mentor: Ryan Dzelzkalns)
Loyola Blakefield School, '26 | Linthicum Heights, Maryland

Kassidy Khuu | Poetry (Mentor: Rob Macaísa Colgate)
Hunter College High School, '27 | New York, New York

Brandon Kim | Fiction (Mentor: Patrick J. Zhou)
Oakton High School, '27 | Oakton, Virginia

Collin Kim | Poetry (Mentor: Evan Wang)
Harvard-Westlake School, '27 | Los Angeles, California

Jua Kim | Fiction (Mentor: Kelly X. Hui)
Orange County School of the Arts, '27 | Foothill Ranch, California

Polina Korobitsyna | Poetry (Mentor: Ibe Liebenberg)
Silicon Valley International School, '29 | Saratoga, California

Zoe Kyriakakis | Fiction (Mentor: Avee Chaudhuri)
Germantown Friends School, '27 | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Khaos Kook | Poetry (Mentor: Ryan Dzelzkalns)
Lakeside School, '27 | Shoreline, Washington

Zayn Kubba | Poetry (Mentor: Kylan Tatum)
Bryanston School, '25 (Gap Year) | United Kingdom

Elliott Kurta | Poetry (Mentor: Séamus Isaac Fey)
Home School, '26 | Charlotte, North Carolina

Stephanie Kwok | Poetry (Mentor: Tola Sylvan)
Hong Kong International School, '27 | Hong Kong

Lili Lang | Fiction (Mentor: Kate Wisel)
Monte Vista Independent Learning Academy, '27 | Simi Valley, California

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Yoonsa Lee | Creative Nonfiction/Memoir (Mentor: Scott Edward Anderson)
Deerfield Academy, '25 (Gap Year) | Deerfield, Massachusetts

Isabelle Li | Poetry (Mentor: Tola Sylvan)
Interlake High School, '28 | Bellevue, Washington

Christine Liu | Creative Nonfiction/Memoir (Mentor: Zainab Omaki)
Kinder High School for Performing & Visual Arts, '28 | Houston, Texas

Hannah Liu | Fiction (Mentor: Melissa Michal)
University of Toronto Schools, '27 | Canada

Kristen Ma | Creative Nonfiction/Memoir (Mentor: Monica Macansantos)
Phillips Academy, '27 | Andover, Massachusetts

Rohan Mahapatra | Poetry (Mentor: Keith S. Wilson)
The Harker School, '29 | Cupertino, California

Hakimah Malam | Poetry (Mentor: Brittany Rogers)
LaGuardia High School, '25 (Gap Year) | Bronx, New York

Rongfei Mu | Poetry (Mentor: Jasmine Khaliq)
Beijing World Youth Academy, '26 | China

Arjun Mukherjee | Fiction (Mentor: Yun Wei)
Algonquin Regional High School, '27 | Northborough, Massachusetts

Anjali Natarajan | Poetry (Mentor: Jasmine Khaliq)
Headwaters School, '27 | Austin, Texas

Kobimtochi Odo | Poetry (Mentor: Kechi Nne Nomu)
Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology, '26 | Haymarket, Virginia

Amanda-Pearl Omoigui | Poetry (Mentor: Kylan Tatum)
St. Paul's School, '28 | Concord, New Hampshire

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Avery Park | Creative Nonfiction/Memoir (Mentor: Zainab Omaki)
The Buckley School, '26 | North Hollywood, California

Katelyn Pei | Creative Nonfiction/Memoir (Mentor: Monica Macansantos)
Walt Whitman High School, '27 | Bethesda, Maryland

Riana Pliskin | Poetry (Mentor: Ibe Liebenberg)
The Kinkaid School, '27 | Houston, Texas

Conner Poss | Creative Nonfiction/Memoir (Mentor: Jessica Danger)
SC Governor's School for the Arts & Humanities, '27 | Travelers Rest, South Carolina

German Ramires Torres | Poetry (Mentor: Nicole Lachat)
Kinder High School for Performing & Visual Arts, '28 | Houston, Texas

Naisha Randhar | Poetry (Mentor: Caroliena Cabada)
The Hockaday School, '27 | Frisco, Texas

Ramisa Rubaba Rashed | Poetry (Mentor: Hajjar Baban)
Rajuk Uttara Model College, '26 | Bangladesh

Tori Rehwaldt | Poetry (Mentor: Hajjar Baban)
Skyview High School, '25 (Gap Year) | Tumwater, Washington

Sofia Rodriguez | Fiction (Mentor: Ber Anena)
Hunter College High School, '27 | New York, NY

Abby Roth | Fiction (Mentor: Ilana Masad)
Phoenix Country Day School, '27 | Scottsdale, Arizona

Paola Lee | Creative Nonfiction/Memoir (Mentor: Samantha Tucker)
Morong National Senior High School, '25 (Gap Year) | The Philippines

Hazel Perris Segal | Fiction (Mentor: Melissa Michal)
The Laurel School, '27 | Shaker Heights, Ohio

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Isabel C. Shen | Poetry (Mentor: Brittany Rogers)
The Head-Royce School, '27 | Oakland, California

Kennedy Shivers | Poetry (Mentor: Nicole Lachat)
College Academy at Broward College, '27 | Lauderhill, Florida

Rhea Sreedhar | Fiction (Mentor: Mayookh Barua)
Orange County School of the Arts, '28 | Irvine, California

Jacky Tang | Poetry (Mentor: Jordan Hamel)
St. George's School, '27 | Canada

Talan Tee | Poetry (Mentor: Nina C. Peláez)
Taipei American School, '28 | Taiwan

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Saratoga High School, '27 | Saratoga, California

Emily Tong | Poetry (Mentor: Caroliena Cabada)
Bergen County Academies, '27 | Glen Rock, New Jersey

Hana Tsai | Poetry (Mentor: Nina C. Peláez)
The Spence School, '27 | New York, New York

Alexis Varsobia | Creative Nonfiction/Memoir (Mentor: Tryphena Yeboah)
Granada Hills Charter High School, '27 | North Hills, California

Elisabetta Vitellaro | Fiction (Mentor: Kate Wisel)
Liceo Classico Empedocle, '27 | Italy

Chenyue (Nina) Wang | Poetry (Mentor: Raena Shirali)
Westover School, '27 | Middlebury, Connecticut

Chloe Woo | Creative Nonfiction/Memoir (Mentor: Jessica Danger)
Orange County School of the Arts, '27 | Irvine, California

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Chloe Xu | Poetry (Mentor: Rob Macaisa Colgate)
Adlai E. Stevenson High School, '27 | Buffalo Grove, Illinois

Kate Xu | Fiction (Mentor: Avee Chaudhuri)
The Ethel Walker School, '27 | Simsbury, Connecticut

Fiona Yates | Fiction (Mentor: Kasey Peters)
Interlochen Arts Academy, '27 | Interlochen, Michigan

Joy Yin | Poetry (Mentor: Séamus Isaac Fey)
The American School Foundation, '28 | Mexico

Amy You | Poetry (Mentor: Kelly Grace Thomas)
Stevenson School, '27 | Pebble Beach, California

Zoe Younessian | Poetry (Mentor: Evan Wang)
Darien High School, '28 | Darien, Connecticut

Lucia Yu | Fiction (Mentor: Eliza Gilbert)
University High School, '28 | Irvine, California

Bryan Yuan | Fiction (Mentor: Ilana Masad)
Episcopal High School, '27 | Cottage Grove, Wisconsin

Chloe Zhang | Poetry (Mentor: Kelly Grace Thomas)
Nashua High School South, '27 | Nashua, New Hampshire

Yan Zhang | Poetry (Mentor: Jessica Poli)
Hangzhou Foreign Languages School, '26 | China

May Zheng | Poetry (Mentor: Kechi Nne Nomu)
Concord Academy, '26 | Concord, Massachusetts

Claire Zhou | Poetry (Mentor: Keith S. Wilson)
Torrey Pines High School, '27 | San Diego, California