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Nineteen SHS Students' Become Published Poets

Nineteen South High School (SHS) students were published in the book, *A Celebration of Poets*, 2022. The students are:

Owen Bailey	Bryson Bettles
Annabelle Burr	Allie Bray
Tiara Fair	Addison Frederking
Kaitlyn Geist	Morgan Janousek
Nash Murdock	Dylan Norris
Jackson Perry	Isabella Price
Grady Smith	Shiloh Summers
Hao Tran	Danny Tso
Kamryn Watts	Carson Wellbrock
Mia White	

Jeri Clouston was their SHS Advanced English 1 teacher who incorporated the poetry contest into her lesson plans. "It was a special opportunity for our students to use what they learned about poems and poetry terms," explained Clouston. "Their final activity for the unit was to write their own poems from a variety of poetry choices." The Creative Communication publishing company accepted 19 for publication.

"I value the diverse and engaging content that we look at throughout the year, as well as the various themes and genres we explore," said Addison Frederking, sophomore whose work was published. "I think that it really helps kids find what they enjoy in a book or poem."

As a result of the students being published, South High was recognized with a Poetic Achievement Award. The award recognizes schools with excellent English Language Arts programs and have over 50 percent of their total entries accepted for publication.

"My family has always supported my creativity and communication skills, but I think what inspired me most was getting praise from my teachers and peers for my work," said Frederking. "I found it really encouraging seeing how many people liked what I wrote when I actually put myself out there."

Student creativity and communication, as well as the tradition of excellence at Salina Public Schools, is well demonstrated by this award.



Poets, Front row: Kamryn Watts, Hao Tran, Danny Tso, Bryson Bettles and back row: Mia White, Shiloh Summers, Dylan Norris, Grady Smith



Poets, left to right: Allie Bray, Isabella Price, Annabelle Burr, Morgan Janousek

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