

# Thousand Oaks High School PTSA ART REFLECTIONS NEWS

Calling All Lancer Artists!

This Year's Theme for  
2024-2025



**R**eflections Art Program Update.  
We will have a Reflections submission box located at the front office for all entries. I'm excited to see everyone's creativity!

Judging will take place on **Friday, October 11th** and we will host an **Art Gallery and Awards night** on **Wednesday, October 16th at 7 PM** in the school library. Invitations will be sent to the email addresses provided on the entry forms.

Please make sure to write your parent's email address clearly so they can receive the invite.

For more information please visit Thousand Oaks High school website.

Click on [Parents - PTSA - Reflections](#)  
Or visit [capta.org](http://capta.org) for Student packet and rules by category.

Reflections program entries are judged based on three criteria:

Interpretation of Theme (40 points)

Creativity (30 points)

Technical Skill (30 points)

Your artist statement on the entry form should be between 10 and 100 words. Entries will be disqualified if the statement is under 10 words or over 100.

There are six categories.

- **Dance**, **Visual Arts**, **Photography**, **Music**, **Literature**, **Film Production** and **Special Artist**.

The top four entries in each category will advance to council level, with a chance to progress further to district, state, and even to nationals level. Good Luck!



**Congratulations to the Reflections  
Winners from  
last year  
2023-2024  
Last Year's Theme ~  
*I am Hopeful Because.....***

Students who received the award of  
Excellence moved on to Conejo Council

***Ava Kramer*** ~ Literature ~ A White Rose

***Laila Francis*** ~ Visual Arts ~ Road Ahead

***Amanda Wang*** ~ Photography ~ Emerging Light

***Jordyn Brown*** ~ Photography ~ Individuality

***Alan Ko*** ~ Photography ~ Human Presence

***Maya Campo*** ~ Photography ~ A celebration of  
the future

Students who received the award of  
Excellence at the Conejo Council level  
moved on to District

***Amanda Wang*** ~ Photography ~ Emerging Light

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Students who received the award of  
Excellence at the District level moved  
forward to State

***Congratulations***

***Amanda Wang*** ~ Photography ~ Emerging Light

**CONGRATULATIONS LANCER  
ARTISTS!**

**Art  
Column**

**Visual Arts**



Student Name: Laila Francis  
Grade: 10th

Title of work: Road ahead

Art Category: Visual Arts

Artist statement: Hope, at least to me, has always been a reason to keep going. For me, that is fantasy. Sometimes to escape reality, but other times, just to focus on all the good things, as a way to not worry about the uncertain darkness of reality.

**Photography**



Student Name: Alan Ko  
Grade: 11th

Title of work: Human Presence

Art Category: Photography

Artist Statement: This photo shows a old school plane flying over a rare blue moon - this for me represented humanity's spirit of advancing and exploring. The plane represents human adversity, courage and the boundless tenacity of humans. The moon shows the beacon of light in the vast darkness of life. The moon (light) always shows through.



***Received the Award of Excellence at the Conejo Council level and District level***

Student Name: Amanda Wang

Grade: 11th

Title of Art work: Emerging Light

Art Category: Photography

Artist Statement: I am hopeful because we can always look for the light that emerges from above, even through the darkest of storm clouds. Like the blue sky that eventually emerges after brooding storm clouds dissipate, positive changes may develop after challenging times, if we remain hopeful for the emerging lightness that guides us to a brighter future.



***Received the Award of Excellence at the Conejo Council level***

Student Name: Maya Campo

Grade: 12th

Title of work: A celebration of the future

Art Category: Photography

Artist Statement: I am hopeful for the future because I am leaving my childhood behind and moving into adulthood, while it will offer a new set of challenges for me, I will also have an infinite set of opportunities. Moving on to college and leaving home are scary but ultimately will help me to grow as a person and will help me to find myself. For many people, growing up is intimidating but I see it as a chance to become a more authentic version of myself. The future is a blank slate and you can write your own story.



Student Name: Jordyn Brown

Grade: 10th

Title of work: Individuality

Artist Statement: I am hopeful because of individuality. Individuality allows people to stand out and accomplish their dreams. People are known for who they are and their accomplishments. There is a human drive to stand out and be known for their hard work.

## Literature

Student Name: Ava Kramer

Grade: 12th

Title of work: A White Rose

Art Category: Literature

Artist Statement:

Hope is one of the only things stronger than fear. I am hopeful because I have to be. We live in a world, where getting through the day is a struggle, we need hope.

(A small piece of Ava's Poem)

All around is a world of peace  
Where destruction is beginning to cease  
A pearl broken away from its nauseated home  
A place of beauty, where we can freely roam

No more wars  
Kindness soars  
Each others words we understand  
Though we come from different land

We shall stand together  
In any weather  
We will smile and cheer  
For the best thing to do is live in the moment here

The birds always sing  
At young ages we start to spread our wing  
Time goes on forever

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