

Marissa Michel

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Education:

Sidwell Friends High School, Class of 2022

Washington, DC

Position/s:

- Prince George's County Youth Poet Laureate, 2020-2021
- Turning the Page (Writopia Lab's nationwide teen-led committee/[journal](#))
 - Graphic Designer and Junior Committee member, 2020-2021
 - Co-Editor in Chief, 2021-present
- Principal Artist for the '[Raising Las Voces](#)' exhibit, 2021
 - Designed posters which were showcased at Arts'tination gallery in the National Harbor, 2021-2022
 - Nominated and selected to be displayed in 2021 [Maryland State Arts Council Regional Exhibition](#)

Writing + Art Publications and Awards:

- Gold recipient of the Media & Entertainment Category in the Hispanic Heritage Foundation Youth Awards, 2021/2022
- I received 15 awards in the 2022 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. This includes a gold key for my writing portfolio and a second American Voice nomination. Both of these will advance to national judging.
- I have received a total of 55 awards from Scholastic Art and Writing Awards between 2018-2022, including two national gold medals and one national silver medal for writing. I also received 6 regional gold keys for writing and 1 regional gold key for art.
- Joseph W. McPherson Poetry Competition Finalist, 2021
- American Voice Nomination for poetry in the 2020 Scholastic Arts and Writing Awards
- Diaz Mattison Poetry Prize winner, 2020
- 17 writing pieces published in magazines/journals/anthologies (in print and online) 2018-2021, including *Love Letters to the Mothers & Fathers of the African Diaspora* (2019), *We the Mosaic* (2021), and *Pen in Hand* (2020) anthologies. As well as the Bridgewater International Poetry Festival, *Rising Phoenix Review*, Scholastic Online Gallery, and *Rudderless Mariner Journal*.
- 14 artworks published in various magazines, journals, galleries (in print and online) 2019-2021
- Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) First Annual Poetry Contest, 1st place winner in Teen category, 2020
- Connect DMV Equity and Social Justice 3rd place winner for work on "Healthy Relationships" education for students, 2020

Filmography:

- [Ode to a Sunrise](#) (short film) April, 2021
 - Wrote, filmed, directed and edited *Ode to a Sunrise*
 - Official Selection in the All American High School Film Festival
 - Premiered at the AMC Empire 25 Theater in Times Square Oct. 2021
 - Official Selection in the 3rd Quarter of the Prague International Indie Film Festival
- [Renee](#) (short film) August, 2020
 - Wrote, filmed, directed, edited and acted in *Renee*

- Premiered at Columbia University DiFi Film Festival, 2020

Music:

- Pianist for eleven years; Member of the Student Division of American College of Musicians, awarded by The National Guild of Piano Teachers (2018-present)(membership is by audition only).
- Clarinetist for seven years

Performances/Interviews:

- Invited by the National Center for Children and Families to perform poetry at their *Unimaginable: The HeART of Community Gala*, October 2022
- Invited by the Robert C. Weaver chapter of "Blacks in Government" to perform spoken word for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Black History Program, February 2022
- Performed opening poem at San Diego Writers Festival, 2021
- Featured panelist and performer at the 4th Annual Writopia Lab Writers Festival, 2021
- Featured performer (poetry) for Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks's campaign event, 2021
- Performed poetry at the Maryland House of Delegates along with Maryland Poet Laureate Grace Cavalieri, 2020
- Performed at the Pamela J. Show, 2020
- In my role as Prince George's County Youth Poet Laureate, I have been interviewed by several newspapers and television channels, including: WUSA 9, NBC 4 Washington, Capital Gazette, Baltimore Sun, PGAHC Festival of Literary Arts, Poets Pause, Youth Speaks, the 2020 National Student Poet and more.