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### **Vestal High School seniors awarded writing honors**

Six seniors at Vestal High School have recently been recognized with several awards from the Scholastic Writing Awards program as well as the Tri-Cities Women's Club Writing Contest.

The Vestal High School English department is pleased to announce that Emma Purdy won a Gold Key award in the 2019 Regional Scholastic Writing Awards for her short story. As a Gold Key winner, Emma's work is currently being considered for national recognition during the National level in New York City.

Two other seniors won Silver Key awards, Sumaya Hardi for her personal essay and Tomiko Nicholson for poetry. Receiving an Honorable Mention in the Science Fiction/Fantasy category was Vishnu Kamagere.

Two more talented student writers received awards in the local Tri-Cities Women's Club Youth Poetry and Short Story Contest. Jonathan Shapiro took first place in poetry for his piece entitled "I am Words." Placing second was John Li with his short story "A Poacher's Predicament."

As a result of his first-place award, Jon's poem will move up for judging by the Central District of the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs.

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