



PTA REFLECTIONS

National Reflections NY Winners 2020-2021

I Matter Because...

2020-2021 National PTA Reflections Award Winners

"I Matter Because..."



National PTA Award of Excellence

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>NAME – PTA NAME; REGION</u>
Dance Choreography	Primary	Charlotte Ozner – Bayview PTA; Suffolk Region
Dance Choreography	High School	Alina Mirman – Commack Council of PTAs; Suffolk Region
Film Production	Primary	Quinlan Brennan – Ocean Ave PTA; Suffolk Region
Film Production	Middle School	Lawrence Hon – Harry B. Thompson Middle School PTSA; Nassau Region
Film Production	High School	Sarah Renz – Briarcliff PTA; Westchester-East Putnam Region

National PTA Award of Merit

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>NAME – PTA NAME; REGION</u>
Dance Choreography	Middle	Charlotte McCormack – Heim Middle School PTSA; Western Region
Music Composition	Primary	Maria Topis – Florence A. Smith School PTA; Nassau Region

Charlotte Ozner

Award of Excellence

Dance Choreography

Primary Division

Bayview PTA, Suffolk Region



Title of Work: *Ooo Child - I Matter Because*

Artist Statement: I matter because I try to make my family and friends feel better when they are sad. A lot of people are scared right now because so many are sick from the virus. I made a lyrical dance to the song Ooh child by MILCK. It talks about how things will get easier. I hope it makes people feel better.

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Alina Mirman
Award of Excellence
Dance Choreography
High School Division
Commack Council PTA, Suffolk Region

Title of Work: *More than My Earth*

Artist Statement: This piece depicts the evolution of child to adult, fear to bravery, insecurity to confidence. I matter because I am on this earth, living and breathing like everyone else. I was put here for a reason, good or bad, to grow and change and have an impact on the world.

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Quinlan Brennan

Award of Excellence

Film Production

Primary Division

Ocean Ave PTA, Suffolk Region



Title of Work: *Quinlan's Fireside Chat*

Artist Statement: This video is an educational, fireside chat about historical people that I believe are special. It is about our history, which explains why we matter. I think if we learn about our past we can help people today and make the world a better place. You can find a hero that you like and that can be someone you look up to, like Jane Goodall. I like her because she helps our animals.

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Lawrence Hon

Award of Excellence

Film Production

Middle School Division

Henry B. Thompson MS PTSA, Nassau Region



Title of Work: *Nature Matters*

Artist Statement: When I asked myself - why do I matter? The question leads me into thinking what I care for the most to me, the natural world that we are all living in is absolutely important. Therefore, I am better because I have a role with nature: to protect and preserve it. During the stay at home order and the summer, I began to self learn how to make 3D animations. From creating digital models to setting up moveable characters and layering out a 3D environment, I used 300 hours to produce my film. In my project, I portrayed various things in our environment to explain why we're all interlocked with each other. With the ability to take care of nature, each one of us matters to the world!

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Sarah Renz

Award of Excellence

Film Production

High School Division

Briarcliff PTA, Westchester-East Putnam Region



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Title of Work: *I Matter Because Animatic*

Artist Statement: I created an animatic, which is a neatly drawn storyboard. I did this by drawing multiple frames on a digital art tablet and editing them all together. I created four characters who all have different struggles they are facing, struggles which make them feel alone and feel like they don't matter. However, they are later comforted by the people who care about them. My project shows that everyone is dealing with something in their lives, and although their struggles can make them feel alone, they will always matter to someone who loves and cares about them.

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Charlotte McCormack



Award of Merit

Dance Choreography

Middle School Division

Heim Middle School PTSA, Western Region

Title of Work: *Don't Leave*

Artist Statement: My work relates to the theme of “I Matter” because when I dance I believe that I can speak and have my voice heard through my movement. Dance allows me to be who I am on stage and express emotions that are sometimes hard to explain. It allows people to be and feel connected even when we are not in the same room. Through quarantine I was able to stay connected with the dance community even while dancing online because of the emotions that are put into dance. Not one person dances the same even if it is the same routine. We can be ourselves and feel connected through the movement. I do believe that I matter! The way dance makes me feel and the way I hopefully make people feel when they watch me dance matters! I, as a female dancer, matter!

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Maria Topis

Award of Merit

Music Composition

Primary Division

Florence A. Smith School PTA, Nassau Region

Title of Work: *I Matter Cause I'm Me*

Artist Statement: As a singer/songwriter, I wrote this song to describe how I matter and why everyone else matters too! Playing the piano and singing are two of my favorite things.

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