

Spring Branch Independent School District
Agenda Item Information

Date of Board Meeting: September 28, 2026

Subject: Recognition of Students honored in the 2026 I Am Texas Writing and Art Contest
hosted by The Bryan Museum and iWRITE.

Administrator Responsible:

Name: Linda Buchman

Position: Associate Superintendent for Communications and Community Engagement

Purpose of Agenda Item: Special Presentation

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND/OR BACK-UP:

The Bryan Museum in Galveston and the iWRITE literacy organization recognized Memorial High School and Stratford High School students named as finalists in the 2026, "I Am Texas" Writing and Art contest.

The first "I Am Texas" contest began in 2022 when The Bryan Museum in Galveston and iWRITE joined forces to publish 1,000 student writers and artists in the Guinness World Record breaking largest book in the world. Since then, the contest has continued to expand across the state with winning students earning thousands of dollars in cash and publishing prizes.

Students recognized:

Memorial MS: April Li for the artwork "Sunrise on the Farm"

Memorial HS: Ruyi Chanel Wei for the artwork "Thoughts of A Warrior"

Stratford HS: Gabriella Peppard for her short story "The Weight of a Teacup"