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# MEMO—OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

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Date: January 20, 2026

To: Dr. Andy Barrett

From: Mr. Tom Rogers

Re: Board Presentation for Tradition of Excellence Award

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I want to express my sincere appreciation for the opportunity to present to the Board of Education students whose accomplishments and contributions to Geneva High School exemplify the Tradition of Excellence Award. On Monday, January 26, 2026, we will present to the Board of Education the following students.

**A. Scholastic Art Competition – Gold, Silver, and Honorable Mention Recipients:**

**Morgan Kennedy – Silver Key, Silver Key**  
**Von Lautenschlager – Gold Key, Silver Key, Honorable Mention**  
**Miles Sheppard – Gold Key, Silver Key**  
**Sage Wilson – Gold Key**

These students submitted artwork and placed in the annual Scholastic Art Competition held in January. All winners will have their work showcased in an exhibition at Downers Grove North High School in February. Students who received a “Gold Key” will have their artwork move on to national judging. The GHS Art educators for these students are GHS Art teacher, Danica Fahmy and Jon Kristofer.

**B. 2025 Skaldic Literary Magazine – All-American Award Winner:**

**Addison Brinks**  
**Jay Heckman**  
**Hunter Knopke**  
**Hope Montague**  
**Bo Moritz**  
**Danielle Nasra**  
**Maddie Nelson**  
**Finn South**  
**Claire Totman**  
**Cameron Winsininski**

The 2025 Skaldic: Ubiquity, Geneva High School’s Literary magazine, earned an All-American Award from the National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA). The magazine earned 4 of 5 marks of distinction and received an All-American rating for the seventh time since 2010. The students listed above are the current GHS students on the Skaldic staff. The other 3 staff members graduated in 2025. The Literary Magazine sponsors are GHS English teachers, Heather Peters and Dave Howle.

Together, these students distinguished themselves, our school and Geneva District #304. Thank you for this opportunity.