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2020 writing contest winners announced

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Four high school students will be awarded $500 each as winners of the 2020 Poul Anderson writing contest underwritten by the Friends of the Orinda Library. Six students were also awarded honorable mentions for their entries. Two of the four prize winners also won the contest last year: Audrey Lambert and Julia Lima. This year Lambert won for her entry, "Ode to Grandma's House" in the Essay/Memoir/Biography category, and Lima also won in that category for her piece, "Dear Class of 2020." The other two winners are Sophia Kofoed, for her poem, "Alabaster Skulls" and Emma Leibowitz, for her short story, "That Night."

Five of the six honorable mentions were awarded to Miramonte students and one to Matthew Muren of Orinda Academy, who took honorable mention for his poem, "The Light." Honorable mentions were awarded for short stories to Eloise Anagnost, "The Curse of Chance" and Casey Marriner, "Not Good Enough." Two entries in the Science Fiction/Fantasy category won honorable mentions: Laura Boifort for "Invisibility" and Emma Leibowitz for "Conversations with Satan." Jenna Foster also took honorable mention for her poem, "Running Through the Neighborhood."

The writing contest is named in memory of Orinda resident Poul Anderson, a popular science fiction writer of over 80 books. Open to all Orinda high school students, the contest recognizes winning entries selected by a panel of judges who are involved professionally in reading, writing, or publishing. This year's contest was judged by Sally Hogarty, executive editor of Orinda News; Campolindo librarian Sarah Morgan; Glorietta librarian and author Anne Lowell; and Elizabeth Perlman, founder of the Intuitive Writing Project.

The winning entries can be read on the Friends of the Orinda Library website: http://friendsoftheorindalibrary.org/2020/06/01/2020-writing-contest-winners-announced/

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