The Read Across South Carolina Art Contest is designed to promote literacy and art across South Carolina. In doing so, the contest provides recognition to individual students, publicity for their teachers and schools, visibility of education-based organizations like The South Carolina Education Association and advances opportunities to raise awareness about art and literacy.

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**BEST IN SHOW**

Jocelyn Irick, William J. Clark Middle School, Teacher: Malissa Wright

**WINNER**

**SCHOOL**

**COUNTY**

**TEACHER**

Division 1 – Grades K-2

1st Place: Isaac Miranda-Hardeeville Elementary School, Jasper  
2nd Place: Morgan Davis-Catawba Trail Elementary School, Richland Dist 2  
3rd Place: Giovani Estrada, Hardeeville Elementary School, Jasper  
Honorable Mention:  
Eliza Grace Ridgeway, Stiles Point Elementary School, Charleston

Division II – Grades 3-5

1st Place: Abigail Poston-Sampit Elementary School, Georgetown  
2nd Place: Katelynn Wright, Hardeeville Elementary School, Jasper  
3rd Place: Lauren Bingham, Marshal Elementary School, Orangeburg 5  
Honorable Mention:  
Abbie McDaniel, Brunson Elementary School, Hampton 1  
Izayha Pendergrass, Kenneth Gardner ES, Williamsburg  

Susan Shaw  
Caitlin Murtha  
Susan Shaw  
Sheri Ferguson  
Gloria Alston  
Susan Shaw  
Bryant Dixon  
Michelle Power  
JW Simmons
Division III – Grades 6-8
1st Place: Alexis Hudson, RP Dawkins Middle School, Spartanburg       Aimee Price
2nd Place: Jeshaih Green, William J. Clark Middle School, Orangeburg 5  Malissa Wright
3rd Place: Grace Novak, RP Dawkins Middle School, Spartanburg        Aimee Price

Honorable Mention
Jediah Green, William J. Clark Middle School, Orangeburg 5       Malissa Wright
Micah Glover, William J. Clark Middle School, Orangeburg 5        Malissa Wright
Matthew Gibson, RP Dawkins Middle School, Spartanburg           Aimee Price

Division IV – Grades 9-12
1st Place: Rebecca Salazar Yatta, St. John’s High School, Charleston Dona Dowling

Division V – Photography/Digital
Honorable Mention: Kyrin Jamison, Hardeeville Elementary School, Jasper       Susan Shaw