

2023 Poetry & Art SCCDA Winners

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Division: Kindergarten through 2nd grade; 1st place

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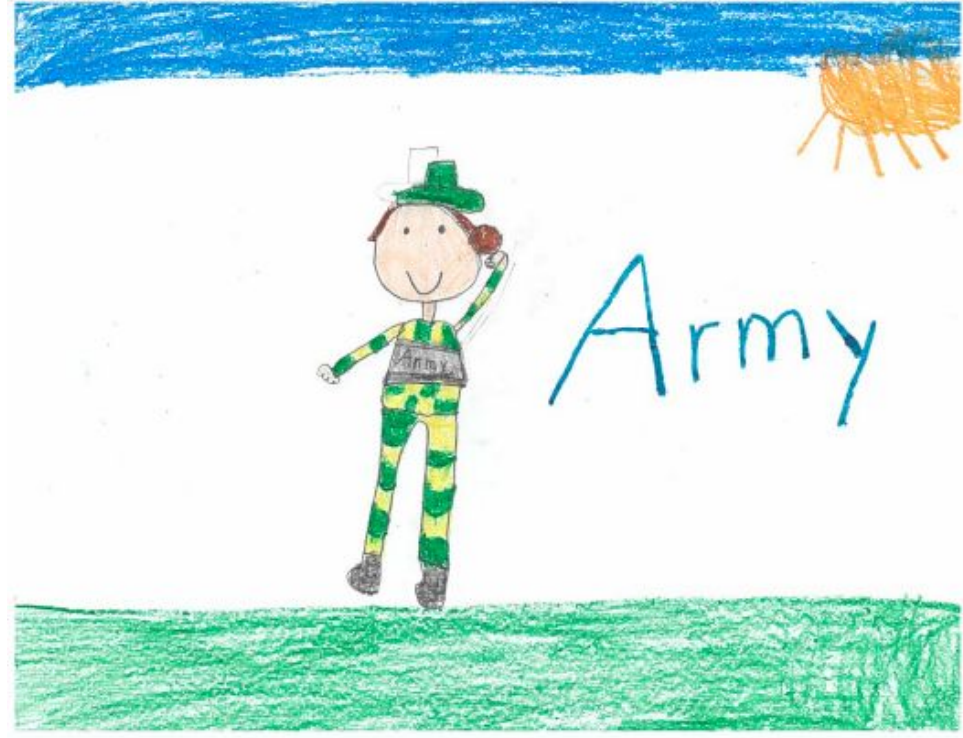
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Ansleigh Jones

LaFrance Elementary School

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Kelly Gossett, sponsor



Division: Kindergarten through 2nd grade; 3rd place

Wesley Van Wingerden

LaFrance Elementary School

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Division: Grades 3 - 5; 1st place

Loralai Rittermeyer

Lake Murray Elementary School

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Lake Murray Elementary School

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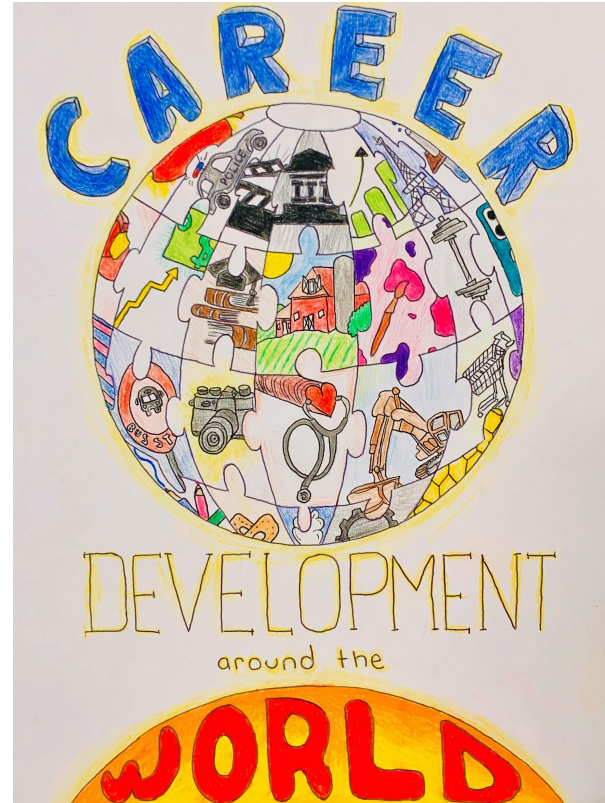
Division: Grades 6-8; 1st place

Ariana Lawyer

Chapin Middle School

Lexington Richland 5 School District

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Division: Grades 6-8; 3rd place

Caroline Moore

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Division: Grades 9-12, 1st place

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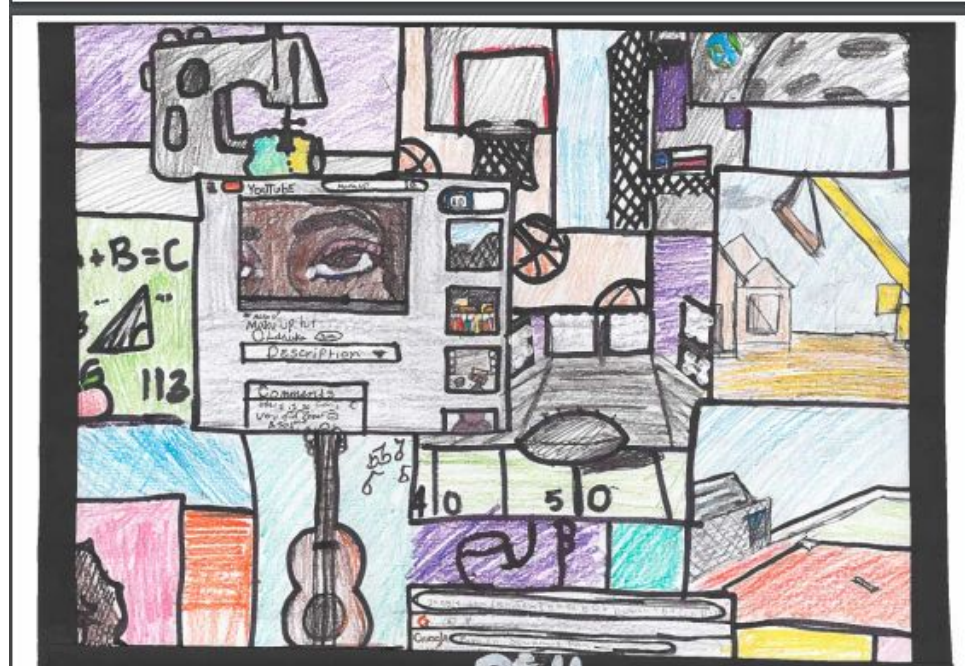
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Teresa Wells

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Division: Grades 9-12, 3rd place

Brandon Hernandez

Georgetown High School

Georgetown School District

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Art 2

Division: Kindergarten through 2nd grade; 1st place

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Darlington County Virtual Academy

Darlington School District

Nicki Spears, sponsor



Division: Kindergarten through 2nd grade; 2nd place

Kinzlee McIver

Sandy Run k8 School

Calhoun County School District

Dr. Chanell Sermon, sponsor



Division: Kindergarten through 2nd grade; 3rd place

Juliet Whalen

Sandy Run k8 School

Calhoun County School District

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Division: Grades 3 - 5, 1st place

Austin Cranford

Darlington County Virtual School

Darlington County School District

Nicki Spears, sponsor



Division: Grades 3 - 5, 2nd place

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Sullivan Thomas

Bells Elementary School

Colleton County School District

Lisa Moore, sponsor



Division: Grades 6 - 8, 1st place

Bailey Birch

Marrington Middle School of the Arts

Berkeley County School District

Jessica Galati, sponsor



Division: Grades 6 - 8, 2nd place

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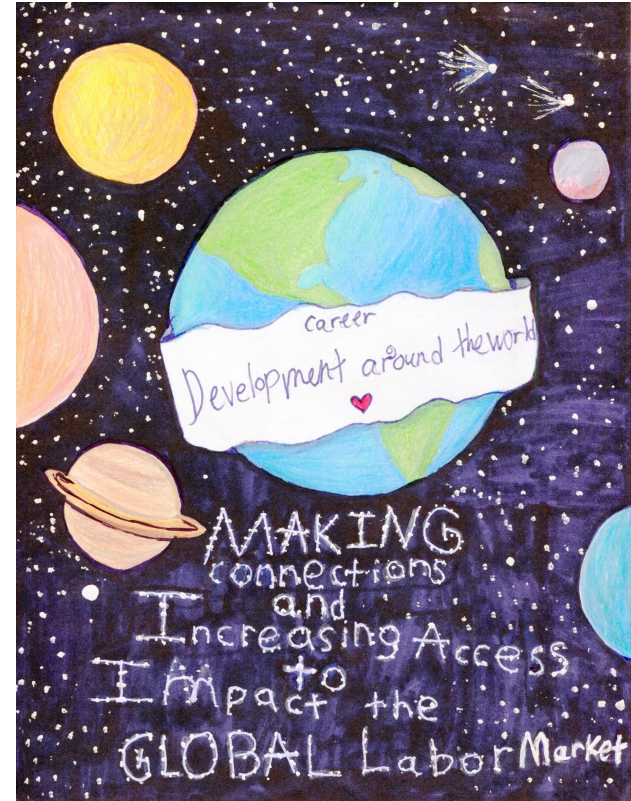
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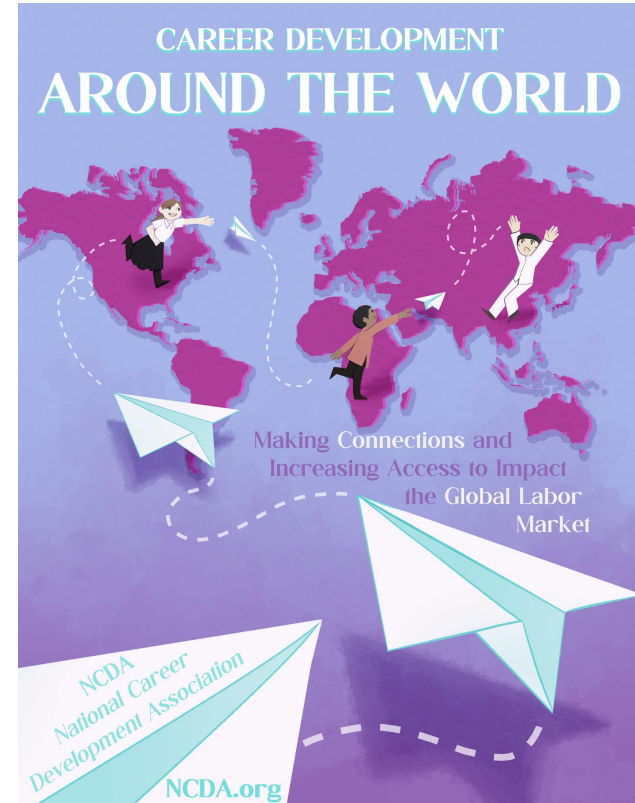
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Adriana Rodriguez

Center for Advanced Technical Studies

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Division: Grades 9 - 12, 2nd place

Sylvia Dobbe

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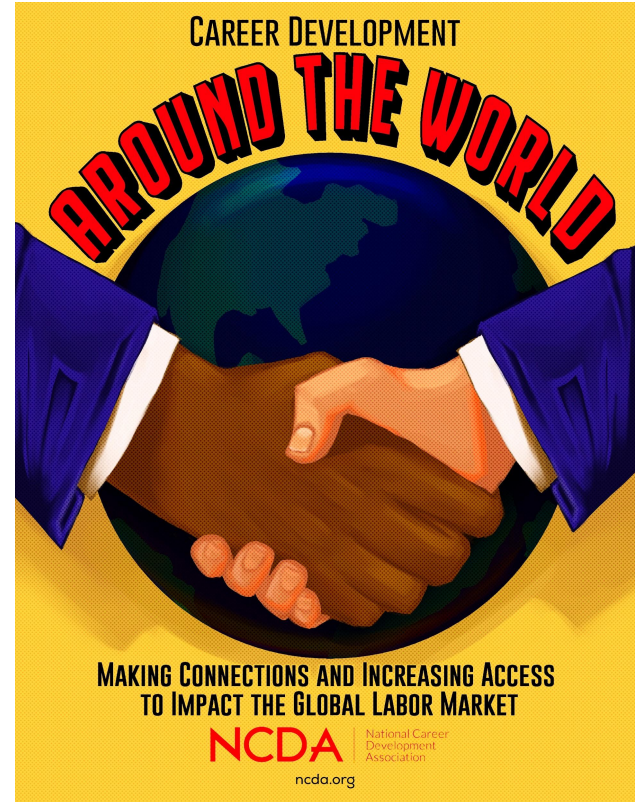
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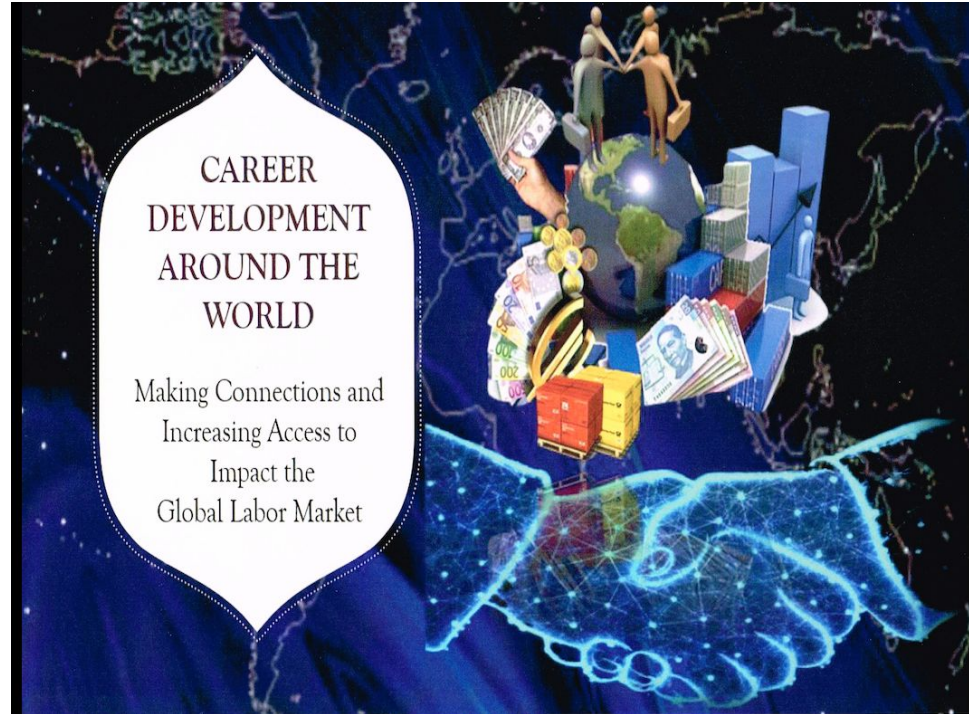
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Division: Open Adult, 1st place

Kacithia Wright

Beaufort County



Division: Open Adult, 2nd place

Brittian Gadson

Lexington, SC



Division: Open Adult, 3rd place

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Poetry

Division: Grades 3 - 5; 1st place

Neal Gainey

Mt. Holly Elementary School

Berkeley County School District

Kym Lawrence, sponsor

Jobs are Like a Food Chain

If there were no boulders,
Then there would be no people.

If there were no farmers,
Then people would starve.

If there were no teachers,
Then we would not advance.

If there were no truckers,
Then we wouldn't get the things we need.

If there were no garbage men,
Then our Earth would be overrun with pollution.

Jobs are like a food chain for the Earth

Division: Grades 3 - 5; 2nd place

Lily Shufelt

Mt. Holly Elementary School

Berkeley County School District

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Singing Makes the World Go Round

All careers are important
To me, singing is one of the most important
Practice your singing because the better you get,
The more people you will help.

Music touches people's emotions
Music is something for everyone
Happy songs, sad songs, scared songs

Any type of song you like you can find in music
Music makes the world go round
It helps people in times of need
It helps people get through their work

Division: Grades 3 - 5; 3rd place

Alaysia Reid

Mt. Holly Elementary School

Berkeley County School District

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Careers

The Earth is green and blue
It takes care of you.
Love falls into it every day
Making it possible for work and play.
The Earth cares for you
Whether you care for it or not.

Division: Grades 6 - 8; 1st place

Jaycob Odom

Mid Carolina Middle School

Newberry County School District

Jennifer Moore, sponsor

Art and Poetry Contest

Career development around the world needs to be made

We need to make connections with each other to increase trade

We can do this by opening jobs for people to do all around

We can build things to help us get around the world and astound

We can increase the impact on the global labor market by helping each other

We can get our factories more productive by working together like brothers

We can increase the chances for helping people around the world

We can make a positive impact on others as if they were imperaled

It will take hard work to get it done

We may even travel all around under the sun

But success is sure to come

For those who give it there all and then some.

Division: Grades 6 - 8; 2nd place

Eloise Hewitt

Paul Knox Middle School

Aiken County School District

Jennifer Hewitt, sponsor

Make it worth it; good job, good life.

The world we made requires a career;

A life-long job that takes our time away in exchange for money or some sort of reward. We use these rewards to make our life sustainable or make it more comfortable. But there is something more to careers than just the rewards.

It's the feelings; friendship, experience, and enjoyment.

As a side note, no one lives forever, so make the most out of your life. Enjoy your life and make it last.

Find a career that you will enjoy or one you are good at.

If you're good at a certain job, you could get more rewards from it and have more fun in your free time.

Make friends where you work, surround yourself with people you love before you pass.

But to get that dream or successful job, you must work hard.

Get good grades, go to a good college, find friends who will be loyal and trustworthy. It's all about career development, a good job often means a good life. Plan this out ahead of time so you know what you need to do to achieve this life. Yes there will be challenging times, but if you look forward, it will be worth it.

When you look back on your completed journey, celebrate.

Celebrate that you pulled through the tough times.

Party with your friends until 2:00 am.

And when you're done, get back to your job and reflect.

You found yourself.

Division: Grades 6 - 8; 3rd place

Kennedy Stapleton

SC Virtual Charter

Virtual Charter School District

Allison Stapleton, sponsor

What if There's a Soul?

What if everything could think

Could speak on its own

What if everything had a soul

And a story to be told

What if the breezes could smile

When they tickle your neck

If the birds could exclaim the sights they'd seen Instead of stopping to peck

If the streams could cry

Oh, what would they say?

And as for the sky

You'd be there all day

What if the sun could explain

The days it had gone through

The days it shone brighter

To bring hope to you

What if everything had a soul
And something to say
The world would be so much louder
So here is what I pray:

Think about the world
In all you do
Because you never know
What if the breezes have a soul, too?

Division: Grades 9 - 12; 1st place

Reid Barker

Barnwell County Career Center

Barnwell County School District

Mercedes Walker, sponsor

The Cycle of Nursing

From the first time you put on a baggy pair of scrubs to "play pretend" on your stuffed animals

That's when love grew.

A love for always asking questions

A love to take care of others

A love for helping others in need

That love transforms into ambition.

An ambition to take rigorous classes

An ambition that drives you to apply to competitive programs

An ambition that is the key component that gets you an acceptance letter

Then comes determination.

Determination that pushes you through grueling hours of studying Determination that allows you to persevere through 6AM clinicals Determination that will earn you a degree

Passion follows determination.

Passion which tells you to never give up on a patient

Passion is what motivates you to always do better

Passion is what you need to get through what seems like a never-ending shift

Along comes dedication.

Dedication is what allows you to leave all the hardships of your day at the front door Dedication to a profession in which sickness and death will surround you

Dedication is what keeps you going

Nevertheless, problems will persist...

Complications will arise,

Obstacles will stand in the way of success,

And doubt will rear its ugly head.

It takes grace to overcome.

Grace to lift yourself up, when fearful

Grace to admit when you make mistakes

Grace which follows you as you walk the floors of a hospital and

To the time where you put back on those scrubs from earlier that suddenly fit and get ready to save a life.

Division: Grades 9 - 12; 2nd place

Luke Becker

Chapin High School

Lexington Richland 5 School District

Julie Hutt, sponsor

Beyond Borders

Anywhere anytime
Access at our beck and call
Opportunities
New ideas
From our homes or jobs or
Study hall

Click click click
New worlds await
Transporting us
Awakening us
Could a link decide our fate?

Small town dreamer
Big city aspiration
Escaping a past
Climbing a ladder
Pursuing new paths out of
Desperation

Way beyond selfies
And social highlight reels
An infinite reach
Across the globe
Though miles apart we close business deals

Making connections
When screens come alive
Doors are now opened
Borders disappear
Internet has become the key to
survive

Division: Grades 9 - 12; 3rd place

Prathiksha Raguram

J L Mann High School

Greenville County School District

Raguram Ramasubba, sponsor

A Dream

Started from nowhere,
You simply had dreams.
A fire within,
More to be seen.

Hard at work with dedication defiant,
You pushed yourself as much as you could. You wanted to provide for yourself and your family, With more than just a morsel of food.

Started small part-time jobs.
(You saved money from them all.)
Invested in your future life--
A good idea: nice call!

You moved on up,
To a full-time gig,
At a company
Not all that big.

You did your best,
And you carried on
To higher levels, quick as
A marathon.

Finally, you're at the top.
You worked hard at all times,
And accomplished your goal;
You are an individual sublime.

You reached for the moon;
Not a limit, the sky.
You did it on your own--
Reached a cloud so high.

We are all so proud of you,
With your eyes full of gleam.
It was all worth it in the end--
A reality that's not anymore just a drea

Division: Open Adult; 1st place

Mark Epperson

Barnwell County Career Center

Barnwell County School District

Perhaps I'll Build a Road

Perhaps I'll build a house,
To keep me safe and warm.
A home for my family,
When life throws us a storm.

Perhaps grow a garden,
To feed my family and friends. And store up for the winter,
As the growing season ends.

Perhaps I'll save a life,
With the lessons I have learned.
To save someone in need,
With the skills that I have earned.

Perhaps I'll build a road,
To somewhere I've never been.
And maybe build another,
To bring me home again.

Division: Open Adult; 2nd place

Traci Neal

Hopkins, SC

Connection

Technology teaches how to take time in placing value on what gives direction. To develop career growth, choose connecton. This creates tenacity to meet the climb.

We can decide to meet face to face and link virtually on social platforms too. There are many interactions we can do. Connection helps build up each empty space.

Opening up about issues brings about change. Active listening enhances community. Being ready to adjust produces unity. Connection shows how to extend every range.

The world will witness a phenomenal selection, but this must begin by making the connection.

Division: Open Adult; 3rd place

Jessica Thomas

Johnston, SC



Progression

Molding the future,

Soaring to take flight in growth

Careers far and wide.