



WIABE

Art and Writing Contest

WIABE is proud to celebrate the great talents and abilities of our multilingual and multicultural students from across the state. This year we are proud to recognize 3 winners in the areas of art and 3 winners in the area of writing.

This year's theme was "Welcome to My Multilingual, Multicultural World" and students from across the state showcased their skills and invited us into their world. Thank you to all of the students who submitted an entry.

We are proud of you all!

We would also like to extend a special thank you to our sponsors who made this year art and writing contests possible.

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WIABE Art Contest Winners

América Catalán Mendoza

Hawthorne Elementary
Waukesha School District
Grade 3-5 Art Contest Winner



Zayan Montañez

La Causa Charter School
Milwaukee Public Schools
Grade 6-8 Art Contest Winner

Jer Niah Wright

Milwaukee School of Languages
Milwaukee Public Schools
Grade 9-12 Art Contest Winner



WIABE Art Contest Grades 6-8 Winner



Zayan Montañez

La Causa Charter School
Milwaukee Public Schools



Vivo in the land of opportunity.
Soy de una enchanted isla.
I sing songs of el Jibaro.
I dream with the sound of el
coqui. U.S is my home y Puerto Rico
lo llevo en el corazon.

By: Zayan Montañez

WIABE Art Contest Grades 9-12 Winner

Jer Niah Wright

Milwaukee School of Languages
Milwaukee Public Schools



Welcome to my multilingual multicultural world

By Jer Niah Wright

My drawing represents how the world isn't just a big blip of space where everyone lives. But also, it is a very multicultural place. As well as that, no matter your race, sexuality, language or culture you can be yourself and express yourself. It takes all of us to hold up the world and not just one person. In addition, being a bilingual student who is learning and speaks French and English, it has been one of the best things in my life. Being bilingual gives me more opportunities in my near future and can let me travel to different places that I desire. It also furthers my knowledge of French Culture.

WIABE Writing Contest Winners

Samari Monterrey

Hawthorne Elementary
Waukesha School District
Grade 3-5 Writing Contest Winner



Fabiola González

Aldrich Intermediate
Beloit School District
Grade 6-8 Writing Contest Winner



Miguel Casalegno

South Division High School
Milwaukee Public Schools
Grade 9-12 Writing Contest Winner



WIABE Writing Contest Grades 9-12 Winner

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Bienvenido a mi Mundo Multilingüe y Multicultural:

Nuestro mundo consiste de 7 continentes, 194 países y alrededor de 6,500 lenguajes. Por lo tanto, existe una gran variedad de culturas y tradiciones que nos definen, nos separan, pero al mismo tiempo también nos une. Así que creo que, ser parte de un mundo multilingüe y multicultural nos da la oportunidad de ser mejores personas, ya que nos brinda la oportunidad de aprender de otros, y al mismo tiempo nos enseña a valorar otras culturas.

Creo firmemente que ser parte de un mundo multilingüe y multicultural a mí me ha ayudado a moldear mi vida como ser humano para poder convivir con otros de una manera más eficaz y empática. Mi mundo multicultural y multilingüe me ha dado la oportunidad de desarrollar muchos otros valores que han formado mejor mi carácter como ser humano, tales como el respeto, la equidad, la justicia, la integridad, el valor de la libertad, la tolerancia, la bondad, la gratitud y sobre todo, la solidaridad con las personas que me rodean.

Por eso, creo que tanto la lengua como la cultura de otros países son aspectos importantes en el desarrollo de nuestra identidad, porque nos unen como comunidad, y también como nación. Considero que la cultura y la lengua, influyen el en modo en que nos vemos a nosotros mismos y en cómo vemos a los demás. De alguna manera también determinan los grupos con los cuales nos queremos relacionar. En los últimos años hemos enfrentado diferentes desafíos mundiales, sin embargo, nos corresponde a nosotros estar abiertos a otros pueblos a través de nuestro lenguaje y nuestra cultura. Yo como hondureño, viviendo en los Estado Unidos, y como estudiante de la escuela superior South Division, una escuela muy diversa, he tenido que enfrentar diferentes desafíos, tanto culturales como lingüísticas. No obstante, esto me ha dado la oportunidad de estar más conectado y disfrutar de un intercambio intercultural y lingüístico muy significativo para mi crecimiento como ser humano.

WIABE Writing Contest

Grades 9-12 Winner

Sin lugar a dudas, de mi mundo multilingüe y multicultural vienen muchos de los valores ejercidos en mi diario vivir que me han permitido salir de la burbuja del aislamiento para entrar en un mundo rico en conocimiento. Como hondureño, soy una mezcla de culturas que me ha enriquecido en cada aspecto de mi vida. Por lo tanto, este intercambio multicultural y multilingüe me ha dado la oportunidad de valorar otras culturas e idiomas que aportan tanto a mi vida, como a la vida de aquellos con los cuales me relaciono. Mi mundo multicultural y multilingüe ha sido una gran aportación a mi persona y me ha dado el privilegio de aprender de otros que también, a su vez están aprendiendo de mí. Este intercambio es lo que me ha hecho pensar que las líneas fronterizas se convierten en líneas imaginarias que nos separan si es que lo permitimos; y los idiomas son barreras que pueden ser quebrantadas con un simple abrazo y actos de verdadero amor.

En conclusión, yo considero que el intercambio de otras culturas a mi mundo ha generado grandes aportes. He aprendido día a día a relacionarme con otras personas y a entender y respetar sus idiosincrasias para así poderme relacionar aprendiendo los unos de los otros. Por otra parte, también me ha dado la oportunidad de aprender acerca de otras ideologías e idiomas que han enriquecido mi intelecto y mi diversidad cultural. Definitivamente creo que, ser multilingüe y multicultural me ha brindado el privilegio de poder desarrollarme con otras personas de una manera más armoniosa y enriquecedora. Para mí ser parte de un mundo multicultural y multilingüe es valorar y aprovechar la diversidad que nos rodea. Es invertir para actuar como puente entre otras culturas con el objetivo de producir armonía, gracias a la riqueza de la diversidad racial. Por lo tanto, nuestro reto actual es poder compartir con otras culturas para poder generar un equilibrio entre la necesidad de aprovechar la diversidad cultural y lingüística con el propósito de mejorar el dialogo intercultural y la comprensión de la diversidad humana, sin destruir nuestra identidad ni nuestro sentido de pertenencia. Así que, bienvenidos a mi mundo multilingüe y multicultural.

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Grades 9-12 Winner

Welcome to my Multilingual and Multicultural World

Miguel Casalegnos Ordoñez

Our world consists of 7 continents, 194 countries and around 6,500 languages. Therefore, there is a great variety of cultures and traditions that define us, separate us, but at the same time also unites us. So, I think that being part of a multilingual and multicultural world gives us the opportunity to be better people, because it allows us to learn from others, and at the same time it teaches us to value other cultures.

I firmly believe that being part of a multilingual and multicultural world has helped me shape my life as a human being to live with others in a more effective and empathetic way. My multicultural and multilingual world has given me the opportunity to develop many other values that have best shaped my character as a human being, such as respect, equity, justice, integrity, the value of freedom, tolerance, kindness, gratitude and above all, solidarity with the people around me.

Therefore, I believe that both the language and culture of other countries are important aspects in the development of our identity, because they unite us as a community, and also as a nation. I believe that culture and language influence how we see ourselves and how we see others. Somehow they also determine the groups with which we want to relate. In recent years we have faced different global challenges, however, it is up to us to be open to others through our language and our culture.

As a Honduran living in the United States, and as a student at the South Division High School, a very diverse school, I have had to face different challenges, both cultural and linguistic. However, this has given me the opportunity to be more connected and enjoy a very meaningful intercultural and linguistic exchange for my growth as a human being. Undoubtedly, from my multilingual and multicultural world come many of the values exercised in my daily life that have allowed me to get out of the bubble of isolation to enter a world rich in knowledge.

As a Honduran, I am a mixture of cultures that has enriched me in every aspect of my life. Therefore, this multicultural and multilingual exchange has given me the opportunity to value other cultures and languages that contribute both to my life, and to the lives of those with whom I relate.

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Grades 9-12 Winner

My multicultural and multilingual world has been a great contribution to me and has given me the privilege of learning from others who are also, in turn, learning from me. This exchange is what has made me think that the border lines become imaginary lines that separate us if we allow it; and languages are barriers that can be broken with a simple embrace and acts of true love.

In conclusion, I consider that the exchange of other cultures to my world has generated great contributions. I have learned day by day to relate to other people and to understand and respect their idiosyncrasies so that I can relate by learning from each other. On the other hand, it has also given me the opportunity to learn about other ideologies and languages that have enriched my intellect and my cultural diversity. I definitely believe that being multilingual and multicultural has given me the privilege of being able to develop with other people in a more harmonious and enriching way. For me to be part of a multicultural and multilingual world is to value and take advantage of the diversity that surrounds us. It means investing to become a bridge between other cultures with the aim of creating harmony, thanks to the richness of racial diversity. Therefore, our current challenge is to be able to share with other cultures in order to generate a balance between the need to take advantage of cultural and linguistic diversity in order to improve intercultural dialogue and understanding of human diversity, without destroying our identity or our sense of belonging. So, welcome to my multilingual and multicultural world.