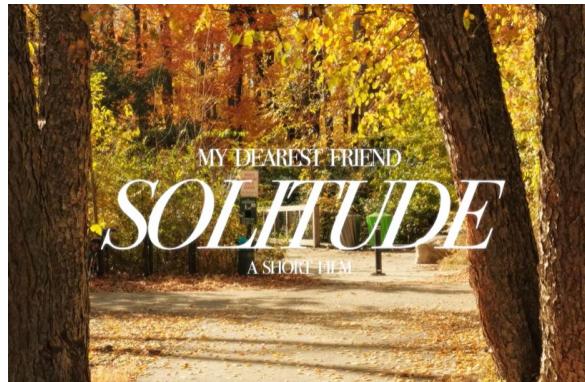


# CORNERSTONE

INTEGRATED LIBERAL ARTS

## Cornerstone Fall 2025 Contest Winners “Solitude”

Our **first-place** winners are **Sanjay Tamilselvan** and **Landon Yake**. Sanjay is a first-year student pursuing Mechanical Engineering, while Landon is a first-year student pursuing Electrical Engineering. They were students in **Professor Patrick Kain's** and **Professor Zachary Loeb's** SCLA 102 classes, respectively. Their contest submission is a short film titled [“My Dearest Friend Solitude.”](#)



We have two second-place winners this year, **Layla Schumacher** and **Kassidy Badics**. Layla is a first-year student pursuing Industrial Engineering. She was a student in **Professor Jody Watkins'** SCLA 102 class, where she wrote her short story titled “To Whom Wants to Listen.”



Our other **second-place** winner, Kassidy, is a first-year student studying General Management. She was a student in **Professor Troy Seagraves'** Cornerstone for Business section of SCLA 102. Her artwork, titled “Solus,” depicts solitude as both presence and absence.

### Honorary Mentions

#### Orkhan Musayev

Sophomore

Economics and Finance



*Essay*  
SCLA 101  
Prof. Matt Hauske

#### Alyssa Assante

First-Year

Environmental & Ecological  
Engineering



*Essay*  
SCLA 102  
Prof. Kathryn Maxson Jones

#### Kharine Yaye

First-Year

Mechanical Engineering, Purdue,  
Indianapolis



*Poem*  
SCLA 101  
Prof. Todd Borlik

This year's contest received over 200 submissions from students in SCLA 101 and 102. We are grateful to our faculty judges for offering their time and to our outstanding students for their creativity.