

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



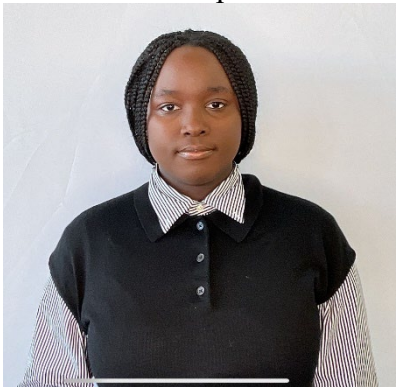
Essay
SCLA 101
Prof. Matt Hauske

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.